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**On the Cover:** Graduating senior Aurelia Colvin embraces her parents during CFA's traditional rose ceremony.

# Letter from the HEAD OF SCHOOL

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The 2022 – 2023 school year at Cape Fear Academy was a remarkable one in so many ways. Every head of school relishes the opportunity to boast about the many achievements of their students and faculty. I am no exception, and it seems that every year there is so much about which I can boast! Here are some of my reflections on another wonderful year at CFA.

We began the year with a record enrollment of 740 students as interest in our outstanding academic program and overall educational experience continues to grow. We are thrilled with this increasing demand for our services, but it is putting a strain on our facilities as we are running out of classroom space across all three divisions – especially in Lower School, where we opened a third section of Kindergarten for the first time ever!

Our oldest Hurricanes continued to shine in the classroom, in the theater, on the athletic fields and in the community. 90% of our students earned passing grades on AP exams, achieving the highest institutional ranking the College Board recognizes – Platinum Status! Our remarkable thespians returned to Thalian Hall for the first time in four years to stage a brilliant performance of *Into the Woods*, and our visual artists claimed numerous prizes in local and statewide art competitions. Our varsity athletic teams garnered three more state championships – in Boys Tennis, and in Boys Lacrosse and Girls Tennis, for the second year in a row for those two teams. Perhaps most importantly, our students (across all grades) have donated their time and talent to a wide range of community service projects, serving as excellent stewards of our community and our shoreline.

We celebrated the Class of 2023, with graduates admitted to 156 different colleges and universities. These incredible students won a number of national academic awards and earned over \$1.5 million in merit scholarships.

The CFA Board of Trustees and Administration spent the better part of the past year engaged in a study of the possibility of further expansion of our school's enrollment. We concluded that there is an opportunity for steady enrollment growth. We will spend this school year developing a strategic plan that will position the school to take advantage of the recently acquired 11.4 acres of adjacent land, and ensure that CFA will continue to be the leading academic institution in the region for many years to come.

With the continued commitment and care of our brilliant faculty and staff, the fortitude and grace of our amazing students, the dedicated and ongoing encouragement of our generous parents and friends, and under the careful stewardship of our devoted trustees, we are confident that CFA has many years ahead of us to continue offering our students a rich academic environment, a wealth of opportunities, and an abundance of care as we advance our mission in meaningful ways.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward M. Ellison". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Edward M. Ellison**  
Head of School



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## ARTS | SINGING WITH SKILL AND SPIRIT

Cape Fear Academy's choir program provides a nurturing environment for talented and enthusiastic student musicians. Under the guidance of Choir Director, Alexa Skelly, the program has witnessed significant accomplishments and fostered a sense of community and excellence among its student musicians.

One notable addition to the music department was the establishment of the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Alexa Skelly, who previously experienced the benefits of such a society at another school, recognized the importance of honoring students' combination of academic and musical excellence. The Honor Society also serves as a platform for band and chorus students to come together, showcasing their talents and fostering collaboration. Skelly shared, "We can work on things together in the community. It's really cool that we both love music, even though our instruments are different."

The choir program also actively supports CFA's theater program. Every year students develop their skills and resilience through rehearsals and performances in the Middle School and Upper School musicals. The March 2023 Upper School's production of *"Into the Woods"* at historic Thalian Hall presented unique challenges, but the students

persevered, impressing the audience with their artistry. Skelly commended their dedication, saying, "They did a beautiful job. It was so artistic to watch and listen to."

The choir program's achievements extended beyond the school's walls with their participation in the Busch Gardens Music in the Parks Festival. Despite challenging weather conditions, Cape Fear Academy's students exemplified outstanding behavior and musicianship. Their dedication earned them the prestigious Esprit de Corps Award, which recognizes schools' overall presentation and support for other participants. Skelly expressed her excitement, saying, "Our students deserved every bit of that award." Moreover, the Middle School choir secured first place in their division, while the Upper School choir, despite missing several members, impressed the judges and secured a commendable second place.

Cape Fear Academy's choir program exemplifies the school's commitment to excellence in the arts. The many achievements of the past year reflect the dedication and passion of the students, choir director Alexa Skelly, and the entire Cape Fear Academy community.



## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

# GIRLS TENNIS IS BUILDING A LEGACY OF SUCCESS



The 2022-23 Varsity Girls Tennis team receives the NCISAA Division III championship trophy.

The CFA Varsity Girls Tennis Team clinched the NCISAA 3A State Championship for the second year in a row in 2022 and the seventh time in school history. The Hurricanes celebrated a well-deserved 5-3 victory over Asheville School, culminating in a remarkable 17-2 overall season record.

Despite a rain delay, the championship match took place at the renowned Cary Tennis Center. The Hurricanes started strong, securing two wins in the doubles matches. They continued their dominance in the singles matches, with notable performances from Gunnie Beacham, Taylor Garriott, and Isabel Bellamy. #1 player Taylor Garriott earned NCISAA All-State honors.

Isabel Bellamy, the team's lone senior player, sealed the championship victory with a thrilling win at the #4 spot. Her outstanding display of skill and

determination sparked celebrations among her teammates, as they stormed the court to join in the jubilation.

The coaching staff of Alex Gianoplus, Lauren Lynch, and Paula Sneed played a crucial role in guiding the team to success. The players themselves deserve immense praise for their dedication, as they balanced intense training with academic commitments, facing some of the toughest opponents in the state of North Carolina.

The CFA Varsity Girls Tennis Team's remarkable achievement is a testament to their resilience, teamwork, and their ability to excel even against the toughest competition. The Hurricanes have once again proven their dominance on the court and etched their names in the history books of the school's prestigious athletic legacy.



## VARSITY BOYS LACROSSE

# BOYS LACROSSE BRINGS BACK THE TROPHY

The Cape Fear Academy Varsity Boys Lacrosse team secured their second consecutive state championship with a 9-6 victory over Greensboro Day School. Building on 2022's title win, the Hurricanes solidified their status as a force in North Carolina lacrosse. Coach Paul Gilbert credited the team's collective effort and seamless integration of new players, resulting in an abundance of offensive firepower during the regular season and playoff run.

CFA ended the season on a high note, winning their last 11 games, including hosting the NCISAA State Lacrosse Championship for the first time in school history. In the Championship game, the Hurricanes took an early lead and maintained a 5-3 advantage at halftime. Despite Greensboro Day's efforts to narrow the gap, CFA responded with crucial goals from Blake O'Keefe, Luis Gonzalez, and Noah Law, showcasing their well-rounded offense.

Junior Kyle McCarthy played a pivotal role, scoring four goals, including the game-clinching goal with 2 minutes and 18 seconds remaining. McCarthy's exceptional season saw him lead the team with 51 goals.

Goalie Kaleb Belle's outstanding performance, including nine crucial saves, played a vital role in securing the victory and maintaining the team's lead.

Six players were named to the NCISAA All-State Team: Senior Miles Gibson, Senior Jack Boggio, Junior Baden Salinas, Junior Luis Gonzalez, Junior Kyle McCarthy, and Sophomore Malik Belle. Kyle McCarthy was named US Lacrosse All-American. Coach Paul Gilbert was named US Lacrosse North Carolina Private School Coach of the Year.

While bidding farewell to eight graduating seniors, the Hurricanes remain optimistic about the future, with three of their top four goal scorers returning for the next season, setting the stage for continued success.

Cape Fear Academy's back-to-back state titles and a 12-2 season record establish their position as a formidable team in North Carolina lacrosse. The team's achievements reflect their hard work, talent, and unwavering dedication to the sport.



The 2022-23 Varsity Boys Lacrosse team receives the NCISAA Division II championship trophy.



## VARSITY BOYS TENNIS

# BOYS TENNIS DOMINATES LOCALLY AND AT STATE



The 2022-23 Varsity Boys Tennis team receives the NCISAA Division III championship trophy.

The Cape Fear Academy's Varsity Boys Tennis team celebrated a victory in the NCISAA Division II State Championship, defeating Greensboro Day School with an impressive score of 5-1. The Hurricanes' triumph marked their second title in three years and their eighth championship in program history.

The Hurricanes started the championship match with a strong showing in the doubles matches, grabbing a commanding 3-0 lead. The duo of Hayes Gilbert and Ben Kane dominated their opponents at No. 2, not dropping a single game. Grant Kleppinger and Cole Stockman fought hard for a 9-7 victory at No. 1, while Nikita Ivanov and Max Sherman secured an 8-6 win at No. 3.

Cape Fear Academy carried their momentum into the singles matches, winning the first set on four out of the six courts. Ivanov extended the CFA lead to 4-1 with a solid 6-4, 6-1 victory at No. 4. Both Gilbert and Stockman were in winning

positions at No. 1 when Kleppinger delivered the decisive blow, clinching the state title with a dominant 6-2, 6-1 performance at No. 3.

The 16-1 overall record showcased the Hurricanes' dominance, particularly in their matches against Wilmington schools, where they emerged victorious in every encounter. #1 player Junior Hayes Gilbert was named CoastalPreps and Wilmington Star News Player of the Year for both news outlets. Gilbert, Senior Cole Stockman, and Eighth grader Grant Kleppinger were named NCISAA All-State.

With their 2023 state title victory, Cape Fear Academy's boys' tennis team has firmly established themselves as a force to be reckoned with under the direction of Co-Head Coaches Jon Ingham and Alan Donald, showcasing their exceptional skills and unwavering determination on their path to success.

# STUDENT-ATHLETES

## TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Six members of the Class of 2023 graduated into new endeavors as collegiate student-athletes.



**Elle Burnette**  
University of North Carolina Greensboro  
Golf

**Simeon Jeffers**  
University of Toronto  
Basketball

**Markus  
Pastorcic-Straun**  
Colorado College of Mines  
Basketball

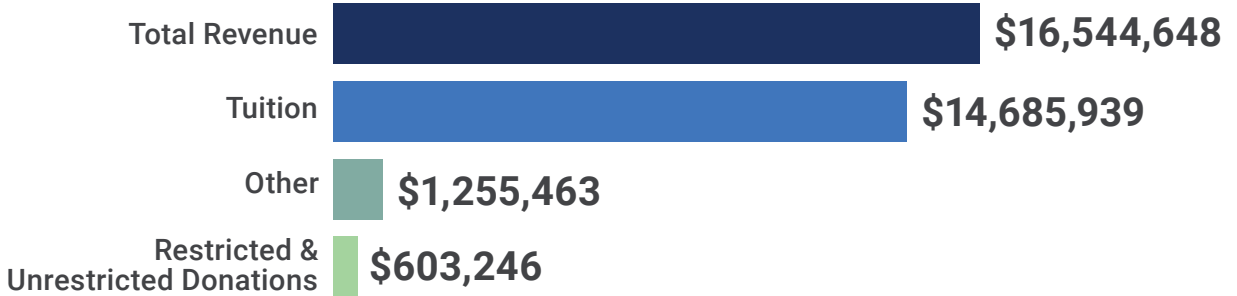
**Vytas Nausedas**  
University of Guelph  
Basketball

**Saransh Padhy**  
McGill University  
Basketball

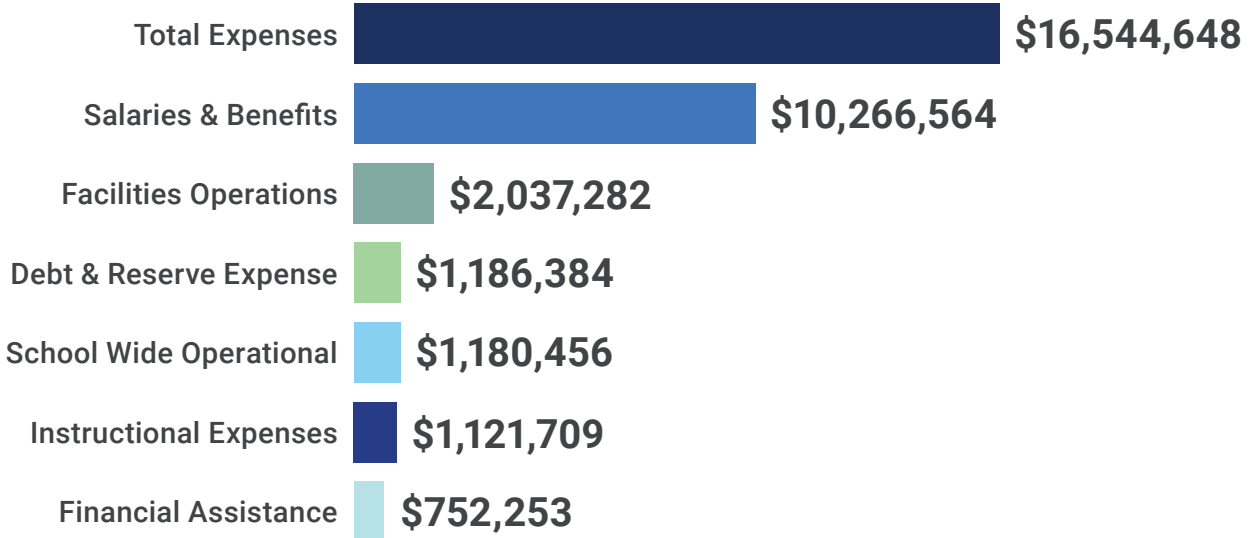


# 2022-2023 | OPERATIONS FINANCIAL PICTURE

## REVENUE



## EXPENSES

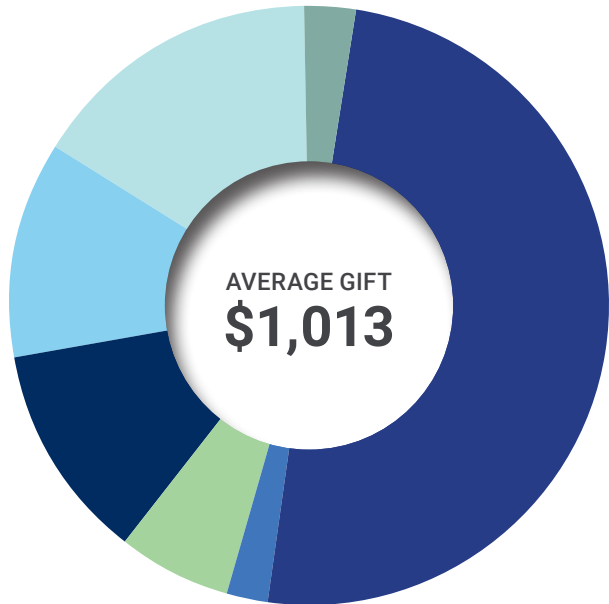




# ANNUAL FUND | AT A GLANCE

## ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

(listing by primary constituency type only)



● Alumni	\$10,180
● Current Parents	\$219,372
● Faculty/Staff	\$8,558
● Foundations/Other	\$64,194
● Former Parents	\$12,989
● Grandparents	\$53,650
● Trustees	\$67,050

**TOTAL: \$447,808**



The Class of 2035 took their turn carrying out a beloved CFA kindergarten tradition, performing "The Mitten" in the Brown Family Theater of the Erin E. McNeill Fine Arts Center.







## WHY WE GIVE | NAVITA & VANEET BHASKAR

Navita and Vaneet Bhaskar, along with their daughters, Iyla '34, and Sunaina '35, relocated from Washington, D.C. to Wilmington, drawn by the city's vibrant culture and warm-heartedness. They found Cape Fear Academy to be the ideal educational environment, and Navita and Vaneet quickly became active supporters as financial donors and parent volunteers.

As devoted parents, Navita and Vaneet prioritize their children's happiness. "This includes providing an educational environment that excites them, which is what Cape Fear Academy excels at," she says. They recognize the value of investing in CFA to provide the necessary support and resources to ensure their children's success in an evolving and competitive world.

The Bhaskars' involvement as parent volunteers has enhanced their children's education and their own experience within the CFA community. As a Parent Ambassador, Navita volunteered with CFA's Biennial Auction, assisting with decorations. They also volunteered in their daughters' classrooms, fostering engagement and support.

One memorable instance was the Bhaskars' initiative to celebrate Diwali with their daughters' grades. The warm reception and invitation to possibly expand the celebration to the entire Lower School in the future, showcased CFA's inclusive and supportive nature, creating lasting connections.

Navita and Vaneet encourage parents to engage with CFA's communication channels, such as the Hurricane Tracker, social media, and classroom emails, to stay informed about the school's



*Photo courtesy of Navita Bhaskar*

activities and events. Active participation in social gatherings fosters connections with fellow parents and a sense of belonging.

"Through these experiences, we have observed that Cape Fear Academy's admission process goes beyond simply matching students with the school; it prioritizes the fit between families and the school community," reflects Navita. "We strongly believe that the school is actively cultivating a lifelong community, creating connections that extend far beyond the educational journey."

The Bhaskars' involvement as financial donors and parent volunteers at CFA reflects their commitment to providing an exceptional education for their children. They encourage others to embrace the opportunities at CFA, fostering unity, support, and lifelong connections.



# HOST FAMILIES

We extend our gratitude to the families that warmly welcomed and embraced international students during the 2022-2023 school year. Their hospitality played a pivotal role in advancing our mission of supporting high achieving students and thriving as an increasingly diverse and welcoming CFA community.

**Matt & Shelby Pohlman**

Simeon Jeffers

**Eric Bishop & Karen Stump**

Vytas Nausedas

**Tavi Sterling (Aug-Nov);  
Tim & Alexis Wall (Nov-May)**

Markus Pastorcic-Straun

**Adam & Allison Brotman**

Saransh Padhy

**Tavi Sterling (Aug-Nov);  
John & Sehr Belle (Nov-May)**

Angelo Vega



“Opening our home to Angelo was actually the kids’ idea at first. Having four children of our own, it seemed a bit lofty, but it has been such a wonderful experience. Angelo fit right into our family, and we haven’t looked back. Being able to open up our hearts and our home to Angelo and experience his culture as well as expose him to ours has been an exchange like no other. He has truly become part of our family.” – Sehr Belle

## LOWER SCHOOL

# INSPIRING YOUNG ENVIRONMENTALISTS



The Ocean Pollution Project has been making waves in the school community for many years. As the Grade 1 signature program, it integrates various educational activities over the course of several months, culminating in the Ocean Academy presentation to family and friends.

The program incorporates cross-curricular elements, such as literacy lessons where students research ocean animals and develop their writing skills by crafting paragraphs based on their findings. In math, students weigh trash they collect and create tally charts, fostering a deeper understanding of data analysis.

Field trips to places like UNCW Marine Quest and Kure Beach provide hands-on experiences to witness the impact of pollution firsthand. Expert guest speakers from the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher and the Plastic Ocean Project add depth to the students' understanding of ocean pollution and conservation efforts, sharing valuable insights and inspire the young learners through interactive activities like puppet shows and recycling talks.

The project also emphasizes the importance of civic engagement. Teacher Carrie Casson says, “The aim is to teach things that are relevant to their lives so that the kids can feel empowered to

take action. By studying their local environment, the students learn about their role as community members and how they can contribute to its well-being.” Discussions on ocean pollution lead to brainstorming solutions, such as writing letters to city council members and promoting the use of reusable bags and straws.

This year, the project reached new heights when Mayor Bill Saffo visited CFA’s 1st Grade classes in response to the students’ letters to the City Council. The mayor encouraged them to continue writing to politicians, rallying others at the school to join the cause and become responsible citizens who care for the earth.

The project's success is not only measured by its educational value but also by its influence beyond the classroom. Teacher Gretchen Scoutelas says the long-term goal is to empower students to educate others and inspire positive change in their communities. Families have noticed the transformative effects on students’ behaviors and adopted environmentally friendly practices, such as refusing plastic straws or picking up trash during bike rides.

Through expert collaborations and fun, engaging lessons, Cape Fear Academy is nurturing a generation of young citizens dedicated to preserving our oceans and improving our Wilmington community.





## MIDDLE SCHOOL

# FOSTERING LEADERSHIP AND CARING

Community service plays a vital role in the development of our Middle School students, shaping them into leaders and compassionate individuals who care about their community. Under the guidance of Carla Whitwell, Director of Middle School, and Trisha Ellison, Middle School Assistant Director and Community Service Advisory Club leader, students and faculty have been actively involved in various community service projects.

A remarkable partnership has developed over the past seven years with the Special Olympics. As students' involvement has grown, they have become integral contributors to the organization's annual activities. Ellison recalls, "The students initially displayed nervousness, but their interactions with athletes of all ages and abilities have nurtured their relational skills and empathy, and now they eagerly participate."

Additionally, the Middle School students have actively supported Nourish NC, a local initiative aimed at addressing childhood hunger. Students initiated drives to collect essential items, collecting more than one ton of food in the 2023 Super Bowl Food Drive. The middle school's faculty members set an exemplary tone by volunteering as a group with Nourish NC, reinforcing the importance of being a community of service.

Engaging in community service has had profound effects on the students' personal development. Whitwell explains, "Middle School can be a self-involved period, but community service initiatives help students appreciate what they have while recognizing the struggles others face." Ellison emphasizes that community service brings out leadership qualities in students who may not exhibit them in the classroom.

Whitwell and Ellison envision an even more significant integration of community service into the Middle School's curriculum, receiving focused attention and planning to fully integrate service-oriented learning across various subjects. While the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted their plans and progress, they remain committed to their vision of a community that serves a larger purpose, aiming to instill in students a sense of responsibility and a shift away from materialism.

Community service is a fundamental component of the Middle School experience at Cape Fear Academy, helping students develop as leaders and cultivate empathy, gratitude, and a sense of civic responsibility. Guided by Whitwell and Ellison, the Middle School is committed to nurturing students who care about making positive changes in their community.





## UPPER SCHOOL

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# EMPOWERING TOMORROW'S LEADERS



**Y**outh leadership development plays a vital role in preparing students for success that will shape the future of the world. In addition to activities such as student government, athletics, and clubs, youth leadership development activities in the Upper School extend beyond campus. One prominent program that exemplifies this commitment is CFA's Youth and Government (YAG) club. YAG is a YMCA-facilitated program that provides students the opportunity to immerse themselves in mock government activities.

Throughout the year, members engage in research and projects, culminating in a student-run conference held every February. This conference brings together YAG clubs from around the state and provides a platform for students to engage in public speaking, critical thinking, and networking with peers from across North Carolina as participants in diverse roles, including legislators, lobbyists, attorneys, justices, government cabinet members, and members of the media.

Many aspects of the 2023 conference were led by CFA students. Under Chief Justice Katherine Meine '23, the Judicial Program welcomed student attorneys who honed skills in argument development and public speaking. In the Legislative Branch, two bills sponsored by

CFA students reached the Governor's Cabinet. Additionally, Ryan Burton '25 ventured into the role of lobbyist (the first from CFA), actively researching assigned bills and passionately advocating for or against them during debates.

CFA students also played integral roles in documenting the YAG conference. Liza Wells '24 and Tyler Beacham '24 served as media editors, leading a team that included five CFA students showcasing their creativity and communication skills.

Most notably, Cooper Herrett '24 was elected Youth Governor for the 2024 conference thanks to his outstanding dedication and leadership skills. In addition, he benefited greatly from the guidance he received from CFA alumni and former Youth Governors Fields Pierce '12 and Pearce Lewis '20, who were present for a YAG Alumni event.

Programs like Youth and Government provide students with hands-on experiences, enabling them to develop as confident leaders, effective communicators, and engaged citizens. With the skills and confidence gained through these experiences, Cape Fear Academy alumni are well-equipped to lead and shape a promising future.

## ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT | BEN & SUITER CURRIN '08

**B**en and Suiter Currin, who both graduated from CFA in 2008, feel grateful for the pivotal role that CFA has played in shaping their academic and personal growth.

Upon graduation, Ben completed his undergraduate education at the United States Naval Academy, where he was commissioned as a nuclear submarine officer and embarked on a career that allowed him to deploy across the globe. Today Ben is the CEO of Vantaca, a high-growth software company in Wilmington. Ben credits his time at CFA for preparing him for his college years and subsequent career. “CFA not only challenged me academically but also fostered an environment where I felt supported and encouraged to discover my full potential.”

Ben and Suiter returned to Wilmington in 2018, and now have two children attending Cape Fear Academy, Jack '36, and Virginia, '34. When they explored various options around Wilmington for their children's education, it was clear to them that CFA would be the ideal place for their family to grow and thrive. “Selecting CFA as the educational institution for our children was an easy decision for Suiter and me. Not only do we fondly reminisce about our own CFA experiences, but we also hold a strong belief in providing our children with the best possible education and learning community.” As a result, Ben has seen his children benefit from CFA's nurturing environment. “The familiar values, sense of community, and commitment to excellence that defined my time at CFA are seamlessly woven into the experiences of our children.”

Today, the Currins are financial supporters of CFA and provide further support for specific programs including Carr Fullagar's Entrepreneurship Class. For Ben, witnessing the growth and potential of the current generation of CFA students fuels his inspiration to invest in their education and future. He firmly believes that hands-on experiences such as student visits to local businesses, building real



*Photo courtesy of Suiter & Ben Currin*

products, and involvement in initiatives like Biz World offer unique opportunities for our students. “These programs distinguish CFA and empower its graduates with the practical skills, creativity, and the entrepreneurial mindset required for success in college and leadership thereafter.”

Ben feels sincerely grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the CFA community and witness firsthand the positive impact it has on the lives of students and their families. “In my role as both a CFA alumnus and a current parent, I have been continually amazed by the steadfast passion, exceptional talent, and unwavering commitment of the CFA faculty and staff.” As a result, he feels proud to support the school as a financial contributor and engage with programs such as the Entrepreneurship Class. “CFA holds a special place in my heart, and I consider it a privilege to play a role in shaping the experiences and opportunities available to the current and future generations of CFA students.”





1. Middle School students in Mr. Johnson's Advanced Pre-Algebra class participated in a Percent Change Scavenger Hunt.

2. AP Environmental Studies traveled to Trails End Park to collect and analyze water samples.

3. Mr. Fullagar and Sebastian '23 brainstorm ideas about the team's robot for competition.

4. Mrs. Miller's Grade 4 is having a "Book Tasting" where students sample a selection of books.

5. The US Robotics students teaching Mrs. Adams' LE class how to drive their robots.

6. The Lower School art classes are studying an actual piece of the Statue of Liberty before creating their own art.





Every other year, the CFA community comes together for an evening of entertainment and philanthropy to raise the essential funds needed to support our students, faculty, and staff. Unfortunately with our last Auction year in 2021, we were not able to host our biennial Auction in person. This year we were so excited to be united that our Chair and Co-Chair presented the theme, “Together Again” which couldn’t have been more perfect. It was a great night of coming together and enjoying one of CFA’s biggest fundraisers.

Those who purchased tickets and participated in the Auction were able to enjoy appetizers, several food stations, an open bar, and beer and wine that was donated by Coastal Beverage Company, all while enjoying the beautiful scenery of Wrightsville Beach at the Surf Club.

Guests enjoyed the company of other Cape Fear Academy friends, faculty, and staff, and had the ability to view a robust collection of items and experiences in person at designated tables. The bidding took place on our online portal, so those who couldn’t attend in person were still able to participate. To end the evening, Pait Skipper ’88 led an energetic and of course entertaining Live Auction. What a success we had that evening, netting more than \$111,000.

The auction would not have been possible without the countless efforts of time and energy of our co-chairs Crystal Peebles AP ’21, P ’24, ’29 and Ellen Losch AP ’22, P ’24, ’29 and their event committee:

**Jenny Burnett** P ’29  
**Suiter Currin** ’08 P ’36, ’34  
**Jessica Edwards** P ’30, ’34  
**Heather Glover** P ’30, ’31  
**Gray Nunnelee** P ’31, ’34, ’35  
**Ava Trask** AP ’20, ’23  
**Helen Wells** ’95 P ’25, ’29

We are so appreciative for the generosity of this year’s auction sponsors and to the many parents, teachers, and community members who donated items for the auction, purchased auction packages and worked behind the scenes to make the event so memorable!

The auction is Cape Fear Academy and the Family Partnership’s signature fundraising event. It is held every other year and will be held again in the spring of 2025.



Attendees of this year's auction anticipate one of the most exciting events of the evening, the live auction, mc'd by CFA Alum Pait Skipper '88.





Top: Attendees anxiously await the live auction portion of the evening.

Bottom: Over 200 people attended this year's biennial auction hosted at the Surf Club in Wrightsville Beach.

Auction co-chair Crystal Peebles thanks the crowd for an outstanding evening of fundraising.



Mary Lyons Rouse (Associate Director of Development), Heather Glover (Lower School Art Project chair), Jessica Edwards (Procurement chair), Crystal Peebles (Auction co-chair), Ellen Losch (Auction co-chair), Suiter Currin (Ticket Sales/Host Team Recruitment chair), Jenny Burnett (Ticket Sales/Host Team Recruitment chair) and Melissa Blackmon (Director of Advancement) anxiously await the evening's guests.

Not pictured, Ava Trask (Decorations chair), Helen Wells and Gray Nunnelee (50/50 raffle chairs).







# 2023 COMMENCEMENT



On Friday, May 26, Cape Fear Academy hosted its 53rd Commencement Exercises for the 59 members of the Class of 2023.

Graduates and their family members gathered in the Athletic Center Main Gym to honor this exceptional class.

100 percent of the members of the Class of 2023 are planning to attend a four-year university, the class boasted a National Merit Finalist, a total of 294 acceptances to 156 different colleges, and five student-athletes who committed to play collegiate athletics.

## Valedictorian

Katherine Meine

## Salutatorian

Nash Riebe

## Head of School Award

Audrey Dahl

## Alumni Award

Katherine Meine

## School Service Award

Elle Burnette

Joey Politi

## CLASS OF 2023

*The members of the Cape Fear Academy Class of 2023 were accepted to the following colleges and universities.*

American University	High Point University	Skidmore College	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Appalachian State University	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	Springfield College	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Auburn University	Howard University	Stevens Institute of Technology	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Baylor University	James Madison University	Suffolk University	University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Boston College	Lees-McRae College	The New School	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Boston University	Lewis & Clark College	The University of Alabama	University of Pennsylvania
Brown University	Louisiana State University	The University of Montana	University of Richmond
Butler University	Loyola Marymount University	The University of Tampa	University of Rochester
California State University (Long Beach)	Marquette University	The University of Tennessee (Knoxville)	University of San Diego
Carleton University	McGill University	Trinity College Dublin	University of San Francisco
Case Western Reserve University	Meredith College	Tufts University	University of South Carolina
Catholic University of America	Miami University (Oxford)	United States Military Academy at West Point	University of Toronto
Clemson University	Middlebury College	University of California (Santa Barbara)	University of Utah
Coastal Carolina University	Milwaukee School of Engineering	University of California (Santa Cruz)	University of Vermont
College of Charleston	Montana State University	University of Colorado Boulder	University of Waterloo
Colorado College	Montclair State University	University of Colorado Denver	University of Wisconsin (Madison)
Colorado School of Mines	New York University	University of Connecticut	University of Wyoming
Colorado State University (Fort Collins)	North Carolina A&T State University	University of Dayton	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Davidson College	Northeastern University	University of Denver	Wake Forest University
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# ACADEMIC AWARDS

## Lower School

### *Blue & Gold Award (5th Grade)*

Declan Hall '30 & Leo Norris '30

### *Faculty Recognition Award*

Charlotte Batten '30 & Maggie Edwards '30

### *Spelling Bee 2022-23*

Myra Shankar '30

## Upper School

### *Head of School's Purchase Awards*

Isabella Erichsen '23, Sara Paige Harvey '24,  
& Nadejda Kotlyarevska '24

### *Simmons-Wenning Scholarship for Fine Arts*

Walker Morrow '23

### *Matthew 25 Award*

Sebastian Landenberg '23

### *Highest Academic Achievement Award Salutatorian & Valedictorian*

Katherine Meine '23 (Valedictorian)  
Nash Riebe '23 (Salutatorian)

### *National Merit Scholarship Program (Finalist)*

Finalist — Katherine Meine '23

### *Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Recipient*

Isabella Roos '25

### *Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 9*

Oliver Anguish '26 & Zealand Woditschka '26

### *Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 10*

Lane Britt '25 & Faye Riebe '25

### *Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 11*

Allison Haslam '24 & Tyler Beacham '24

### *Faculty Recognition Award - Grade 12*

Sebastian Landenberg '23 & Ella Forkin '23

### *English Department Award*

Mary Elizabeth Spiers '23 & Jennifer Carrera '23

### *Barbara Proctor Award*

Jagger van Vliet '23

### *Social Studies Department Award Recipients*

Nash Riebe '23

### *World Language Department Award*

Grace Landenberg '23 & Dillon Moore '23

### *Mathematics Department Award Recipients*

Katherine Meine '23, Dillon Moore '23, & Nash Riebe '23

### *Science Department Award*

Katherine Meine '23

### *Dott Taylor Hooten Award*

Hannah DiParisi '23

### *Engineering Certificate*

Sebastian Landenberg '23, Dillon Moore '23,  
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& Michael Baker '23

## Middle School

### *Triangle Award*

Jarett Price '27

### *True Blue/Solid Gold Award*

Marian Mansfield '27 & Vance Mino '27

### *Faculty Recognition Award*

Everlee Miller '27

### *Geography Bee 2020-21*

Takoda Fowler-Castillo '27

### *Computing, Innovation, & Design Department Award*

Levent Erdem '24

### *AP Capstone Department Award*

Fraley Kelley '23 & Jagger van Vliet '23

### *Band Director's Award*

Forrest Merrill '23

### *Honors Band Award*

Ray McDonald '25

### *Chorus Director's Award*

Riley Lallathin '24

### *Honors Vocal Ensemble Award*

Aurelia Colvin '23

### *Excellence in Visual Art Award*

Grace Landenberg '23

### *Scholastic Art Award Recognition*

Sydney Cortina '23

### *Excellence in Performance Award*

Salem Morrow '24

### *Spirit of Theatre Arts Award*

Kathlen Moulton '23

### *Extraordinary Contribution to the Theatre Arts Award*

Audrey Dahl '23

### *Technical Theatre and Design Award*

Jennifer Carrera '23

### *Sewing and Fashion Design Award*

Salem Morrow '24

### *Publications Department Awards*

Tyler Beacham '24, Delia McFarlane '24,  
Anne DeVeaux Trask '23, Ryan Burton '23,  
Isabel Bellamy '23, Martha Trask '24, Camden Sheally '25,  
Lydia Wells '25, Finlay Austin '23, Colby Seagle '23,  
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### *Photography Department Awards*

Mikey Baker '23, Ryan Burton '23, Katherine Meine '23,  
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## STUDENTS EARN

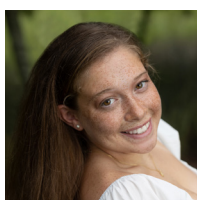
# NATIONAL ACADEMIC RECOGNITIONS



**Nash Riebe '23** was granted the District Student of the Year Award from the National Speech & Debate Association. This award is presented each year to a graduating senior who best represents the tenets of humility, equity, integrity, respect, leadership, and service.



**Miles Gibson '23** earned a National Recognition Award from College Board. This program recognizes underrepresented students who have at least a 3.5 GPA and score in the top 10% on the PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 within the program by state or score a 3 or higher on two or more distinct AP Exams.



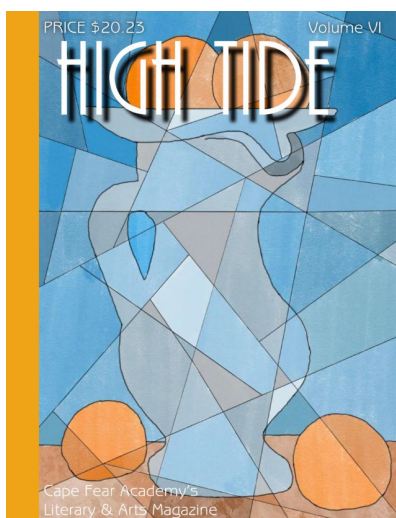
**Katherine Meine '23** was awarded the Academic All-American award from the National Speech & Debate Association while serving as the captain and coach for the student-run debate team. Katie also received 1st place in the Southeast Regional National History Day Competition for her paper, “*Silent No More: How Rachel Carson’s Silent Spring Unleashed the Frontier of Environmentalism.*”



**Emily Powell '25 & Katherine Meine '23** achieved Gold Medal Level achievement on the 2023 National Spanish exam. Adding to the excitement, this is the sixth consecutive year that Katherine Meine has earned Gold, having first done so on the Level 1 exam during her 7th-grade year.



**Kyle McCarthy '24** was named a US Lacrosse All-American for his excellence on the field. Along with his teammates on the Varsity Boys Lacrosse team won the 2023 NCISAA State Championship at Home in May of 2023. Kyle is committed to playing men’s lacrosse at NCAA Division I Loyola University of Maryland after graduation.



**High Tide:** Cape Fear Academy’s High Tide student-run literary and arts magazine has been recognized as a REALM First Class magazine by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). In only its fifth year of inception, this is the fourth year in a row the magazine has received an honor for its excellence in this nationwide contest. In 2023, the magazine achieved the highest honors of REALM First Class.







## WHY WE GIVE | CHRIS FIKRY & STEPHANIE MANN



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Our family was considering a relocation to Wilmington during the summer of 2017. At that time, Addie '27 and Sam '29 were rising third and first graders. Finding the right school for both children was critical, as we were comfortable with the school options in our prior community. We wanted to find an academically rigorous institution that would help foster a love of learning, a strong work ethic, and provide them with the tools to be critical thinkers.

Our discussions with many families pushed us to explore Cape Fear Academy (CFA). Six years later, we are confident that CFA was the best decision for our kids. They are thriving, thanks to the dedication of faculty, coaches, and administrators who give so much to the students daily, taking the time to understand what motivates each of them. We continue to donate our time and dollars to CFA as a small way of giving back to the community that means so much to our family.

When we heard about an endowment dedicated to increasing the diversity of the student population at CFA, we ultimately decided that this was the best way for us to make a meaningful contribution. After reflecting on each of our academic careers, it was clear that we benefited greatly from being exposed to diverse thoughts and experiences as students. There is so much to learn from understanding the perspectives of those who have had different life encounters. Further, it was meaningful for us to help showcase CFA's commitment to diversity to the greater Wilmington community. A diversity endowment was a way that we could improve the educational experience for our children, and help move the perception of CFA forward.

CFA offers so much to our kids, and we would encourage others in the community to find ways to give and allow the school to further live out its mission.

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Kathleen and Fred Stegmuller  
Heather and Craig Steven  
Jill and Marcus Stockman  
Katharine '85 and Steve Sullivan\*  
Amy and Dave Sweyer\*  
Linda and Neil Underwood\*  
Sarah and Erik van Rens\*  
Megan and Miller van Vliet  
Ben and Ashley Wall  
Paige and Larry Warshaw  
Jill and Bo Webb\*  
Kim and Bryan Weckel  
Shannon and Calvin Wells  
Ellen and Harold Wells  
Pam and Jim Wenning  
Frances Woodbury\*  
Jim Wortman  
Porter and Vance Young\*  
Rose and Alan Zimmer\*

### **Grandparents**

Nancy and John Baden  
Julie and Jim Balloun\*  
Kathy Batchler  
Pam Boyd  
Gail Broderick  
Penny Brooks  
Elaine Bulluck  
Anne and Steve Carlson  
Sheila and Wayne Carlstedt\*  
Wayne Cowan\*  
Meilia and Gerald Cox\*  
Rick Edwards  
Patty and George Elovsky  
Becky and Jack Fancher  
Francesca Fazzolari\*  
Walter Fitzgerald  
Donna and Thomas Gardner  
Kathy and Gary Gaskill  
Jane and Harold Hope  
James Hynes

Steve and Lisa Hysko  
Lynn Jefferson  
Suzy and Thomas Kane\*  
Carolyn and Kenneth Lancaster\*  
Macie and Donald Latham\*  
Marie and John Lennon  
Mimi and Frank Liggett\*  
Betsy and Bill Joyner  
Tonie and Charles Mann\*  
Debbie Mansir  
Kit and Robert Miller\*  
Vlena and Stanley Miller  
Sara and Corey Mills\*  
Judy and Henry Morris  
Joan Norris  
Rose Marie and Tuney Nunnelee\*  
Yonnie and Bill Pope\*  
Elizabeth and Mat Raymond  
Pam and Mike Schell\*  
Elizabeth Shippey  
Betsy Short\*  
Catherine and Randy Tyre  
Sarah and Erik van Rens\*  
Billie and George Wall  
Karen and Rick Webb  
Shannon and Calvin Wells\*  
Mrs. Gail Wells  
Ellen and Harold Wells  
Sylvia Wilkins\*  
Jane and Jim Williams  
Judith Williams  
Frances Woodbury

### **Faculty & Staff**

Laura Apollonio  
Shana Barclay\*  
Melissa Blackmon  
Sue Borges  
Kelly Borton  
Laura Bowen\*  
Julie Capps\*  
Nicole Cargill  
Gretchen Carlson\*  
Carrie Casson\*  
Christine Chappell\*  
Becky Clamme  
Lisa Connaughton\*

**\*Consecutive Giving of 5 Years or More**



Jeannette Crim  
Amy Croom  
Mary Ann Daniel  
Ed Ellison  
Trisha Ellison\*  
Becky Fancher  
Jamison Fee  
Carr Fullagar  
Nathan Gergel  
Elizabeth Gibbs  
Paul Gilbert  
Megan Green  
Kimberly Halle  
Rachel Hatfield\*  
Amanda Holliday\*  
Molly Ileoma  
Ashley Jones  
Bill Kanzinger\*  
Cheryl Kanzinger\*  
Kim Karns\*  
Ellen Kazura  
Mark Kelly  
Elizabeth Lallathin  
Gretchen Lane  
Susan Mailey  
Maria Marquez  
Stephanie Medcalfe  
Lisa Miller\*  
Nicole Miller\*  
Becky Mills\*  
Debra Mills  
Nelda Nutter\*  
Bobby Palmer\*  
Kimberly Parker  
Laura Peterson  
Heidi Pitts  
Katie Ragan\*  
Alison Reid  
Lu Renfrow  
Keni Rienks\*  
Lisa Rojek\*  
Sue Robbins  
Mary Lyons Rouse  
Becca Scott\*  
Gretchen Scoutelas  
Melissa Slovik\*  
Paula Sneed\*  
Colleen St. Ledger

Jennifer Sullivan  
Maureen Vanscoy\*  
Rebecca Wells  
Carla Whitwell\*

### **Friends of CFA**

Jennifer Daniel  
Betsy and George Joyner  
Phoebe Schroeder  
Ani Scuteri\*  
Candice Wells  
Sheldon Wolitski

### **Corporate Giving**

Airmax  
Amazon Smile\*  
Bryan Weckel MD Family Medicine\*  
Harris Teeter\*  
IQVIA  
Neuberger Berman  
YourCause, LLC\*

### **Foundations**

Balloun Family Foundation\*  
The Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta\*  
The Benevity Community Impact Fund\*  
Boyd Family Foundation  
ImpactAssets - Carlstedt Family Fund\*  
Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro  
The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation  
Dan Cameron Family Foundation\*  
The DiFiore Family Fund  
Echols Family Fund at Philanthropi  
Ford & Anne Williams Charitable Fund  
Foundation For The Carolinas\*  
The GE Foundation  
Peter Berkey Foundation  
PNC Foundation  
Price Giving Fund  
Williamson Family Foundation  
Woodbury Family Fund at Philanthropi

# 2022-2023 ANNUAL FUND AND OTHER GIFTS

## Gifts in Kind

American Aviation Services  
Amplify  
Amy and Bill Smith  
Be Unlimited Yoga  
Bourgie Nights!  
Brasserie Du Soleil  
Campbell and Covington Orthodontics  
City Bicycle Company  
Covey  
CryoCove  
David and Wesie Sprunt  
Donut Inn  
Dubs Party Detail, LLC  
Emily Tanglo-Lee  
Epic Excursion  
Gentlemen's Corner  
Gypsy Lew  
H2Turbo Express Car Wash  
Horse Sportsfisher, LLC  
Jean and John Lovett  
Katharine Sullivan  
Kristin and Co. Organizing  
La La and Elm  
Laura Covington Interiors  
Lighthouse Beer and Wine  
Lighthouse Beer and Wine  
Live Oak Bank Pavilion  
Lumina Wealth Management  
Michelle Leonard Photography  
Mike Murray  
Mira-Mar Properties  
Oliver Boutique  
One Belle Bakery  
Portraits, Inc.  
Protocol  
Reeds Jewelers  
S Worsley  
Scott McGrath  
Shred the Gnar  
Sleepy Teepee  
South End Surf Shop  
The Daniel Family  
The Hixon Family  
The Long Family  
The Mann Family  
The Peebles Family

Tres Bleu  
True Blu  
Will Mullinix  
Wilmington Dermatology  
Wilmington Eye  
Zia Boutique

## Restricted Giving \$1,000 & up

Anonymous  
Bryan Weckel MD Family Medicine\*  
Christine and Bruce Chappell\*  
Eastern Carolina Veterinary Referral  
Kathy and Ed Ellison  
Stephanie Mann and Chris Fikry\*  
Allison Klein\*  
Lighthouse Beer & Wine  
Amie and John Monteith  
Hans Stelmach  
Kim and Bryan Weckel\*  
Windsor Fiberglass

## Cumulative Lifetime Giving \$100,000 & up

Anonymous (2)  
Amanda and Mike Baker\*  
The Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta\*  
Julie and Jim Balloun  
Jennifer and David Barnes  
Agnes Beane  
Eleanor Beane  
Jean and Robert Bellamy  
Angela and Robert Brown  
Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation  
Dan Cameron Family Foundation\*  
Cape Fear Academy Family Partnership  
CFA Partners, LLC  
ImpactAssets - Carlstedt Family Fund\*  
Sheila and Wayne Carlstedt\*  
Beth and George Chadwick  
Melia and Gerald Cox\*  
Melinda and Lee '74 Crouch  
Mary and David DeMoss  
Margaret and Steve Diab  
The Dickson Foundation, Inc.  
Nancy Dooley  
The Edward E. Ford Foundation  
Hilda Cameron Edwards '77\*

**\*Consecutive Giving of 5 Years or More**



Lauren '80 and Earl Galleher  
Emily and Huntley Garriott\*  
Susan and Roger Gendron  
Harvest Charities  
Mary and Brian Hayes  
Mary and Robert High  
Janet and Robert Huth  
Carole and Richard Johnson  
Tanya and Peter Kane\*  
Jean and Dan Kehl  
Martha and Bob King  
Trish and Tom Looney  
Peggy and Chip Mahan  
Sandy and Hank Marks  
Anna and Mark Maynard  
Phyllis McGovern  
Nina and Dickson McLean\*  
Cyndi and Ronnie McNeill  
Diane Beecher and Mark Morris/The Brand  
Consultancy  
Robin and Chad Paul  
Beth and Howard '83 Penton  
Emily Hall Poole '08 and Greg Poole  
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Global Impact Funding  
Trust, Inc  
Denise and Dan Smith  
Beth and Laurence Sprunt  
Wesie and David '85 Sprunt\*  
Anne and Bill Squire\*  
Teresa and Keith Stark  
Shannon and Chris Stephens  
Katharine '85 and Steve Sullivan  
Jackie and Glenn Tilton  
Marjorie and Allen Trask, Sr.  
Linda and Neil Underwood\*  
Sarah and Erik van Rens\*  
Deedy and John Vincent  
Cacky and Brian West  
Helyn and Jim Wisner

### **Cumulative Lifetime Giving**

**\$50,000 - \$99,999**

Buffy and Steve Anderson  
Carol and Todd Atwood\*  
Alice and Jay '87 Baker  
Estelle and Johnnie Baker  
Balloun Family Foundation\*

Michelle and John Bratton  
Mary Jo and Bill '72 Cameron\*  
Beth and George Chadwick  
Sandy and Ken Crumrine  
The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation  
Jennifer and Jason Dahl\*  
Vicki and Ken Dull  
Claire Efird '81  
Environmental Chemists, Inc.  
Stephanie Mann and Chris Fikry\*  
Catherine and David Floyd  
Andrea and Jim Johnston\*  
Allison Klein\*  
Jean and John Lovett  
Lumina Wealth Management  
Louise '90 and David Mann\*  
Myra and Tim Matt  
Joe McKinney  
Peggy and John Meehl  
Vickie and Tim Milam  
Debbie and Mark Mitchell  
Peebles Family Charitable Fund  
Crystal and Harrison Peebles\*  
Lori and Rick Randall  
Peter Berkey Foundation  
Amy and Dave Sweyer\*  
Thomas Construction Group  
Ava and Raiford '79 Trask  
Carollee Vernon  
Jill and Bo Webb\*  
Elizabeth and Vin '94 Wells\*  
Porter and Vance Young\*  
Rose and Alan Zimmer\*

### **In Memory of**

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#### **Harrison Steven**

Heather Steven and Family

#### **Barbara N. Proctor**

Paula Sneedan

#### **Jo and Jerry Wilkins**

Linda and Jim Hundley

## 2022-2023 OTHER GIFTS

### In Honor of

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**Bo Adams**

Sarah E. Adams\*

**Isabel Bellamy**

Jean S. Bellamy

**Cate Broderick**

Anne M. Broderick\*

**Hudson Huffman**

Jason Huffman

**Mann Boys**

David Mann\*

**Nicole Miller, Nash Miller and Everlee Miller**

Velena and Stanley Miller

**Patrick O. Redington**

John O. Redington

**Todd Atwood**

Carolyn and Bruce Moskowitz

**Aubrey '32 and Evan '34 Baker**

Nicole and Michael Baker

**Corrina Basta '26**

Martha Miles

**Hadley '30 and Hatcher '34 Beale**

Judy and Henry Morris

**Cate Broderic '25**

Kit and Robert Miller

**Liza '28 & William '30 Bulluck**

Elaine Bulluck

**William Clark '33**

Margaret and Jim Hynes

**Gia Davidson '24**

Francesca Fazzolari

**Sunny Everhart '30 & Andrew Everhart**

Shirley and George Everhart

**Harrison Garrett '34**

Dallas and Zach Garrett

**Ava '33 and Eliza '34 Goulding**

Betsy Short

**Valan '30 and Merri '34 Hagy**

Laura and Hogan Hagy

**Coach Jim Hall**

Marty Stanfield

**Mandy Hamby**

Chris Hamby

**Susan Harrell**

Mary Grigg Fountain '08

**Otto Hepburn '33**

Sara and Ash Hepburn

**Rob High '13**

Mary and Robert High

**Kim Karns and Little Explorers**

Anderson Moya

**Bellamy Koonce '21**

Emmett Haywood '73

**Jeff Kotzan '28**

Juliana and Jeffrey Kotzan\*

**Susan Mailey**

Sharon and Jerry Mailey

**William '25, Carter '27, Cully '27,  
and Henry '29 Mann**

Tonie and Charles Mann

**Delia McFarlane '24**

Linda and Duncan McFarlane

**Peggy and John Meehl**

Kim and Chris Meehl\*

**Dillon Moore '23**

Sherry Matule

**Paula Sneedden '76**

Beth and Bob Cherry

**Sprunt Family**

Mimi and Frank Liggett\*

**Cameron Toler '22**

Tyke and John Toler

**James '27 and Catherine '30**

Whitney Marie and John Lennon

**LeW '31, Harrison '34, and Sally '36 Williams**

Anne and Ford Williams

\*Consecutive Giving of 5 Years or More



# 2022-2023 BE THE NEXT CAMPAIGN

**Visionaries:**  
\$100,000 & up

**Leaders:**  
\$50,000 - \$99,999

**Pacesetters:**  
\$25,000 - \$49,999

**Entrepreneurs:**  
\$10,000 - \$24,999

## Visionaries

Anonymous  
Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation  
Julie and Jim Balloun\*  
Linda and Neil Underwood\*  
Emily '08 and Greg Poole  
Peggy and Chip Mahan  
Emily and Huntley Garriott  
Wesie and David '85 Sprunt\*  
Sheila and Wayne Carlstedt  
Denise and Dan Smith

## Leaders

Anonymous  
Stephanie Mann and Chris Fikry  
Andrea and Jim Johnston  
Tanya and Peter Kane\*  
Crystal and Harrison Peebles\*  
Amy and Dave Sweyer\*  
Carollee Vernon

## Pacesetters

Leslie and Jay Atkinson  
Carol and Todd Atwood  
Amanda and Mike Baker  
Dan Cameron Family Foundation  
Meilia and Gerald Cox\*  
Jennifer and Jason Dahl\*  
Roulhac and Greg Johnson\*  
Michelle and Kevin Kernan  
Allison Klein  
Louise '90 and David Mann\*  
Mary Papageorgiou-McGrath and Ron McGrath  
Louie and Matt Scharf\*  
Elizabeth and Vin '94 Wells\*  
Porter and Vance Young\*

## Entrepreneurs

Joanna Miles-Basta and Nick Basta\*  
Elizabeth and Stephen Beacham\*  
John Berkey  
Kelly and Duane Burnette\*  
Sue and Spencer Carney  
Cheryl and Paul Colvin\*  
Laura and Thomas Covington  
Sandy and Ken Crumrine  
Kathy and Ed Ellison  
Francesca Fazzolari  
Shahrazad Nasser-Gardner '89 and Tim Gardner\*  
Samantha Gardner\*  
Caroline and William Hope\*  
Margaret and Jim Hynes  
Donna and Michael Jacobs\*  
Jean '95 and Connor Keller\*  
Michelle and Kevin Kernan  
Stephanie Norris '86 and Colleen Kochanek  
Ellen and BJ Losch  
Nina and Dickson McLean\*  
Debbie and Mark Mitchell  
Diane and Mark Morris  
Kari and Michael Papagikos\*  
Robin and Chad Paul  
Jill and Chris Scerri  
Kym and Jeff Sorbel  
The Estate of Elizabeth Sprunt  
Anne and Bill Squire  
Catherine and Randy Tyre  
Jamie and Randy Waskin  
Jill and Bo Webb  
Meredith and Hal '93 Wells  
Cacky and Brian West\*  
Jessica Whitney\*  
Anne and Ford Williams

## CAPE FEAR ACADEMY ENDOWMENT

In Cape Fear Academy's recent history, alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends have established named endowment funds to provide lasting support for financial aid, faculty development, and academics. It is Cape Fear Academy Board of Trustees' policy that unrestricted, named endowment funds may be established with a gift of \$25,000 or more, and restricted, named endowment funds may be established with a gift of \$100,000 or more.

Our school's endowment portfolio is managed by Lumina Wealth Management under the direction of our Finance and Investment Committees of the Board of Trustees.

Names listed under specific funds indicate a donation to that fund in the 2022-2023 fiscal year.

### Class of 2021 Endowment Fund

Established in the spring of 2021 by the parents of the Class of 2021 to honor this amazing group of students and ensure the legacy of Cape Fear Academy's 51st graduating class.

Andrea and James Johnston

### Class of 2023 Endowment Fund

Established in the spring of 2023 by the parents of the Class of 2023 to honor this amazing group of students and ensure the legacy of Cape Fear Academy's 53rd graduating class.

Amanda and Mike Baker\*

Jean Bellamy

Kelly and Dwayne Burnette\*

Sue and Spencer Carney

Jennifer Chiavetta\*

Cheryl and Paul Colvin\*

Audrey Dahl '23

Jennifer and Jason Dahl\*

Veronica and Eddie Hales

Caroline and William Hope\*

Nikita Ivanov '23

Maya and Dmitry Ivanov\*

Jean '95 and Connor Keller\*

Brook and Randy Kelley

Leah and Kenneth King

Averette Lamm '23

Brooks and Mitch Lamm

Amber and Matt Law

Cyndy Cordero and Travis Merrill

Mandy and Merrette Moore

Jean and Gary Murtagh

Kari and Michael Papagikos\*

Beth Handler and David Riebe\*

Kathleen and Frederick Stegmuller

Heather and Craig Steven

Megan and Miller van Vliet\*

**\*Consecutive Giving of 5 Years or More**





# CAPE FEAR ACADEMY ENDOWMENT GIVING

## **CFA Diversity Financial Aid Endowment Fund**

This fund was established in 2020 by Emily and Huntley Garriott. Expenditures from the fund will be used to provide financial aid to students that will help build and maintain a more racially-diverse student body.

Anna '08 and Kurt '07 Taylor  
Carol and Todd Atwood  
Tanya and Peter Kane\*  
Stephanie Mann & Chris Fikry  
Emily and Huntley Garriott

## **CFA Financial Aid Endowment Fund**

This fund was established in 2021 by Emily Hall Poole '08 and J. Gregory Poole. Expenditures from the fund will be used to provide need-based financial aid for students who need tuition reduction based on the family's financial need.

Emily '08 and Greg Poole

## **Dott Hooten Endowment Fund**

This fund was established in 1986 by the Hooten family in honor of Dott Hooten. Expenditures from this fund provide an award to a graduating senior who intends to major in science and has a strong academic record in this subject during their time in Upper School.

Beth and James '79 Hooten  
Denise and Mark '82 Hooten

## **E.E. Ford Professional Development Fund**

This fund was established in 2010 by the E.E. Ford Foundation to support professional development for faculty in all positions and divisions.

## **General CFA Endowment**

Bruce Barclay Cameron Foundation  
Dan Cameron Family Foundation  
Jennifer and Jason Dahl\*

## **Matthew 25 Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established in 2007 by the Dooley and McLean families for the purpose of providing need-based financial aid for students.

## **Barbara Proctor Scholarship Fund**

This fund was established in 2016 in memory of Barbara Proctor, a beloved CFA teacher for 34 years, by her friends and family. Expenditures from this fund provide a monetary award to a student with a strong interest in writing.

Graham Proctor

## **Mack D. Webb '20 and Raney H. Webb '22 Endowment Fund**

This fund was established in 2020 by Julie and Jim Balloun. Expenditures from the fund will be used to enhance the learning experience in Fine Arts, English, and History.

Julie and Jim Balloun\*  
Andrea and Jim Johnston

## **Libby White Fund**

This fund was established in 2014 to support Lower School faculty professional development.

# CLASS NOTES

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## *Class of 1990*

**Brock Lynch** and wife Lauren announce the birth of a son, Rigdon Reece Lynch, born February 21, 2023.

## *Class of 2002*

**Jenny Kerns McClamroch** graduated with a Masters of Accounting from NCSU in December. She is employed as an audit associate at BDO in Raleigh NC.

## *Class of 2003*

**Georgia Cherry Walters** and husband Tom announce the birth of a son, Joseph Kean Walters, born April 7, 2023.

## *Class of 2004*

**Brandon Evans** received a PhD from Harvard University with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Visual and Environmental Studies. He lives and works in India with the Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology as an Associate Professor in the new Thapar School of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

## *Class of 2005*

**Jennifer Russell Haugh** and husband Jamie announce the birth of a daughter, Hazel Burns Haugh, born June 1, 2023.

## *Class of 2007*

**Brian Wiese** and wife Catherine, announce the birth of Robert Thomas Wiese on November 29, 2022.

## *Class of 2008*

**Spencer Bridgers** married George Taylor on February 14, 2023.

## *Class of 2009*

**Luke Burns** married Leanne Drayton on May 27, 2023.

**Rob Point** and wife Ashley announce the birth of a daughter, Scarlett Carrington Point, born March 1, 2023. Scarlett has two sisters Skylar(4) and Stella(2). Rob is a Pediatric Dentist in Wilmington and owner of Sunshine Pediatric Dentistry.

**Holly Norris Walker** and husband Joseph announce the birth of a son, Oliver Alexander Walker, born January 21, 2023.

## *Class of 2010*

**Ned Gallop** married Lexie Rosendin at Camel Valley Ranch in Carmel, CA on June 17th, 2023.

**Kelsey Howard** married John Hunter Wilson in Sorrento, Italy on May 21, 2023.

## *Class of 2011*

**Emma Massey** married Bennett DuPont on May 20, 2023 in Highlands, NC.

**Olivia Horrigan** married Jared Hammons on April 29th, 2023 in Wilmington, NC.

## *Class of 2012*

**Mackenzie Crim** graduated from George Washington University with a MA in Speech Pathology. She now lives and works for University of Maryland Medical Center as a Speech-Language Pathology Fellow.

**Fields Pierce** graduated with a BSBA and Juris Doctor from Vanderbilt University. He lives and works in New York City with a law firm, Skadden Arps.

## *Class of 2013*

**Monroe McCullough** married Eric Lord on October 1st, 2022 in Pawleys Island, SC.

**Nancy Lee McLean Alexander** and husband John announce the birth of a daughter, Nina Elizabeth Alexander, born January 10, 2023.

**Margaret Ann Thurston** married Brian Ouimette on May 6, 2023.

## *Class of 2015*

**Madeleine Buren Dean** and husband Jordan announce the birth of a son, James Hudson Dean, born November 23, 2022.

**Hannah Laham** graduated from Berklee School of Music with a Music Business degree.

## *Class of 2016*

**Julia Gillies** is enrolled in law school at the University of Georgia.

**Lazelle Smith** attends Wingate University to become a Doctor of Pharmacy.

## *Class of 2017*

**Lexi Lampkin** lives and works in Los Angeles, CA. She is working for Dick Clark Productions as a Talent Operations Manager.

## *Class of 2018*

**Mary Helen Earp** graduated with a BS in Agricultural Business Management from NC State.

**Paul Nguyen** graduated from UNCW with a BS in Biology.

**Maya Tucker** graduated from NC State with a BS in Political Science.

## *Class of 2019*

**Sophie Aimone** graduated from Elon University with a BA with a major in psychology and a minor in neuroscience. She lives in Tucson, AZ pursuing a Masters in their clinical mental health counseling program.

**Ariana Baginski** graduated from University of Chicago with a BS in Molecular Engineering on the Bioengineering track and a Minor in Theater and Performance Studies. She is enrolled in medical school at University of Maryland.

**Caroline Broderick** graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Business Information Technology.

**Harris Dozier** graduated from University of South Carolina with a double major in Finance and Marketing. He lives and works in Scottsdale, AZ, with John Hancock Investment Management.



**Grant Gausman** graduated with a BSBA from UNCW.  
**Laila Goudarzi** graduated from High Point University with a BS in Computer Science. She lives and works in Berkeley Heights NJ for Fiserv as a cybersecurity analyst.  
**Erica Harris** graduated from Davidson College with a BA in Anthropology while taking a pre-med track. She will be attending George Washington University and applying for medical school.  
**Ciara Kellogg** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BS in Business Administration and a BA in Economics.  
**Grace Ljung** graduated from the University of South Carolina with Honors, where she received a BA in journalism and mass communications and an associate degree in Spanish and law and society interdisciplinary. She plans to attend law school.  
**Macy Magan** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BSBA.  
**Preston Meehl** graduated from Rhodes College with a BSBA degree.  
**Ethan Miles** graduated with distinction from Virginia Military Academy. He is now a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army.  
**Libby Moore** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill in December 2022 with a BA in Global Studies. She is currently playing for Shelbourne FC in Dublin Ireland.  
**Walker Moore** graduated from Washington and Lee University with a BS in Business Administration and a minor in Mathematics. He is currently attending UNC Chapel Hill for his Masters.  
**Henry Murtagh** graduated from Stevens Institute of Technology with a Quantitative Finance degree. He lives and works in New York City with Trillium Management.  
**Landon Pierpan** graduated from UNCW with a BS in Business Administration.  
**Isley Pulliam** received a BS in Psychology in December 2022 at UNC Greensboro.  
**Andrew Reger** graduated from NC State with a BSBA.  
**Holt Robison** graduated from Colgate University with an Environmental Studies major and minors in architecture and religion. He works for LS3P in Wilmington as an Emerging Professional in Architecture.  
**Helena Rojek** graduated from the UNCW with a BS in biology and a minor in neuroscience. She is applying to graduate programs.  
**Arben Salihu** graduated from UNCW with a degree in Biology and Chemistry.  
**Landon Scharf** graduated from Wake Forest University studying Business and Enterprise Management. He lives and works in Charlotte for Colmont Group.  
**Harry Shaheen** graduated from George Washington University with double degrees in International Affairs and History. He is attending Harvard University and working on his Masters.  
**Ana Sharbaugh** graduated from University of Notre Dame with a BBA and BS in Finance, Comp Math, and Stats. She lives and works in New York City with Morgan Stanley Investment Banking.

**Kyndall Shaw** graduated from Furman University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences. She will be applying to nursing school in June.  
**Trevor Shelton** graduated from UNCW with a computer science degree. He is interviewing for software engineering and sales engineering positions in Charlotte.  
**Cameron Scott-Smith** graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration from UNC Wilmington.  
**Kate Smith** graduated from Wake Forest University with a Biochemistry Molecular Biology degree. She works in an NIH lab at Johns Hopkins Medical Center as a post-baccalaureate in Baltimore, MD, while applying to medical school.  
**Reed Sweyer** graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a BSBA. He lives in Charlotte, NC, working for Truist Bank in their investment banking division.

### *Class of 2023*

**Anne Deveaux Trask** has been accepted as a Trainee at the Joffrey Ballet in Chicago. Being one of the premier dance companies performing today, the Joffrey holds a vital role in the dance community as a leader in both performance and education in the Midwest region.

# IN MEMORIAM

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CFA mourns the passing of a Founder, **H.E. (Gene) Miller, II** on October 16, 2023. He served on the Board of Trustees from 1973-1979 and was known as one of the Founders who personally poured the footings and laid the brick for Godwin Hall. Mr. Miller was honored in 2014 by the Board of Trustees as an Honorary Alumnus of our school. A parent of three Cape Fear Academy graduates from 1970-1988 and grandchildren from 2003-2011 and again in 2022 until the present, he was survived by his wife Sylvia, three CFA alumni: Hank Miller '80 (Hank's wife Maggie Andrews Miller '97), Paige Miller '85, and Laura Miller Blair '88.

**Topyy Robinson** passed away on January 23, 2023. She was a Trustee at Cape Fear Academy from 1979-1985. She had three children graduate from CFA: Bert Robinson '80 and Leslie Robinson Morris '85. Her son Chip Robinson '79 passed away in December 2019.

Former Second Grade teacher, **Feriba Weltin**, passed away on October 15, 2022.

**Judy Loutit**, a Trustee from 1987-1992, passed away on October 25, 2022. She had three sons attend CFA: James Loutit '86, Douglas Loutit '89 and Christopher '96.

**Carl Hiatt**, a former teacher and coach in the 1970's passed away on November 3, 2022.

Founder **Percy R. Smith**, passed away on February 21, 2023.

**Meredith Hasson**, Class of 2006, passed away in May 2023.

**John Ormand**, Class of 1980, passed away in July 2023.

**Emerson Teer**, Class of 1995, passed away in July 2023.

**Jeff Motley**, class of 1984, passed away on November 18, 2023.

**Luke Brennan**, class of 2020, passed away on October 20, 2023.





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