

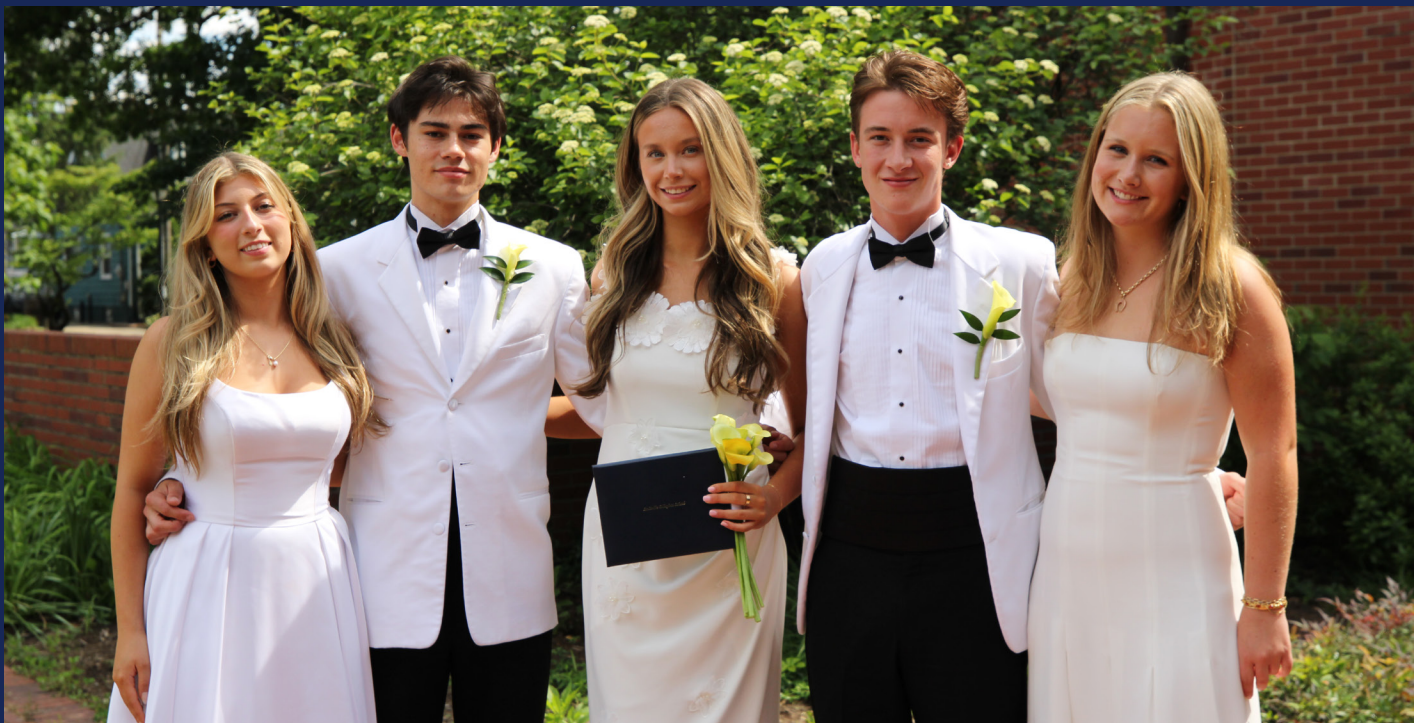
The Bulletin

LOUISVILLE COLLEGIATE SCHOOL MAGAZINE | SUMMER 2025



Congratulations, Class of 2025!





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FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Dear Collegiate Community,

On May 23, we gathered to celebrate the 109th Commencement Ceremony at Louisville Collegiate School. We honored 66 seniors with their diplomas and welcomed them as the newest members of the Alumni Association. Thank you to our administration, faculty, and staff for your continued love and support throughout the class of 2025's journey at Collegiate.

The class of 2025 is an incredible group of students whose impact on our community will be felt for years to come. Demonstrating both ambition and curiosity, they submitted applications to 202 colleges and universities and will attend 53 institutions across 24 states. Thirteen students will continue their athletic journeys at the collegiate level—a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and passion. We are proud of all this class has accomplished and excited to see the paths they'll forge in the years ahead.

This school year has been marked by growth, resilience, and remarkable achievement across our community—students, faculty, staff, and families alike. From academic accolades to athletic triumphs, our students and faculty inspired us at every turn. We celebrated five National Merit Finalists, cheered on our Titans Varsity Soccer Team as they earned the title of state Runner-up, and applauded our Middle School Robotics Team for qualifying for the World Championship for the second consecutive year.

We also launched new traditions that deepened our connections. More than 100 alumni returned to campus for our first Collegiate Alumnae Artists & Authors Luncheon and the Oral History Drive, reminding us of the enduring power of the Collegiate community across generations.

Our focus on health and wellness initiatives expanded this year to include Wellness Wednesdays and the removal of students cell phone and smartwatch usage during the school day. The change was enthusiastically embraced by students, faculty, and the entire community, resulting in a positive impact that strengthened student engagement, presence, and relationships. Throughout it all, we remained grounded in our mission to be an inclusive community where every student feels known, valued, and supported.

Thank you for a wonderful school year. I am truly grateful you are part of the Collegiate community. Whether traveling, spending time with loved ones, or simply taking a moment to slow down, may this summer bring you joy and restoration.

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

With appreciation,



Dr. Robert P. Macrae
Head of School
William M. Street Leadership Chair



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Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

ROW 1 (pictured l-r): Kyla Ford, Katie Hoban, Liv Wolfe, Lily Butler, Tonya Amini, Eleanor Cantrell, Lila Hayden, Gabby Hartlage, Breanna Haraden, and Keira Olson

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ROW 4 (pictured l-r): Andrew Hoffmann, Quentin Owen, Ben Rauen, Rayyan Arif, Josh Hansen, Ashley Kara, Aidan Romero, Georgia Lawrence, Mark Zilberman, Carson Jung, Mikey Varner, Eli Owen, and Henry Mason

ROW 5 (pictured l-r): Pace Harman, Josh Rairick, Ward McGill, Jackson Higgins, Henry Hasselbacher, Colby Berson, Holden Boles, Julien Veliquette, Max Selby, Aidan Main, Crew Hartlage, Bode Main, Roman Sierpina, and James Marshall

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Amherst College - Auburn University - Bellarmine University - Belmont University - Berea College - Boston College - Brandeis University - Butler University - Centre College - College of Charleston - Colorado College - Connecticut College - Dartmouth College - Denison University - DePauw University - Georgia Institute of Technology - High Point University - Howard University - James Madison University - Lindsey Wilson College - Loyola University Chicago - Miami University (Oxford) - North Carolina A & T State University - Northeastern University - Pomona College - Purdue University - Spelman College - The College of Wooster - The Pennsylvania State University - The University of Tennessee - Tulane University of Louisiana - University of California (Berkeley) - University of Cincinnati - University of Colorado Boulder - University of Dayton - University of Kentucky - University of Massachusetts (Amherst) - University of Michigan - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - University of Oklahoma - University of Richmond - University of Rochester - University of South Carolina - University of Southern California - University of Tulsa - University of Virginia - University of Wisconsin (Madison) - Villanova University - Wake Forest University - Washington University in St. Louis - Western Kentucky University - Wheaton College (IL) - Xavier University

Student-Athletes Commit to Play Intercollegiate Athletics

Congratulations to the following seniors who have committed to playing intercollegiate athletics next year at their respective colleges and universities. We are proud of their commitment both in and outside the classroom and wish them the best of luck as they compete at the next level.

RAYYAN ARIF

Denison University - Squash

COLBY BERSON

Bellarmino University - Tennis

PETER CABORN

Wheaton College (IL) - Soccer

KATE GRISSOM

Amherst College - Squash

CREW HARTLAGE

University of Massachusetts (Amherst) - Soccer

ANDREW HOFFMANN

Bellarmino University - Lacrosse

ASHLEY KARA

University of Cincinnati - Swimming

WARD MCGILL

Connecticut College - Squash

JOSH RAIRICK

Villanova University - Soccer

ALEX SHANNON

The College of Wooster - Soccer

ROMAN SIERPINA

Boston College - Cross Country and Track

JULIEN VELIQUETTE

Centre College - Track and Field

RILEY WEBB

Colorado College - Track



Pictured (front row l-r): Crew Hartlage, Josh Rairick, Peter Caborn, Ashley Kara, Riley Webb, and Colby Berson. (back row l-r): Rayyan Arif, Andrew Hoffmann, Alex Shannon, Roman Sierpina, Julien Veliquette, Kate Grissom, and Ward McGill



Pictured (l-r): Katie Hoban, Lilly Burckle, Evangeline Heilman, Gabby Hartlage, Emmeline Meldrum, Lily Butler, Kaitlin Wobbe, Eleanor Cantrell, Colby Berson, Jordan Gray, Jackson Higgins, Josh Hansen, Henry Hasselbacher, and Holden Boles. Not pictured: Pace Harman

And They're Off...Collegiate Hosts 63rd Kindergarten Derby

One of Collegiate's most treasured traditions, the Kindergarten Derby, was celebrated on May 1. Kindergarten students raced around the track as students, families, faculty, staff, and alumni cheered them on!

Preceding the race was a "Pegasus Parade" of Lower School students dressed in pink to celebrate this year's theme, "Happy Derby: Pink Out Party!" Senior boys escorted the official Derby Festival Queen and her court around the track. Jason Hougland, Churchill Downs bugler, played the "Call to the Post" before each race.

Congratulations to our Kindergarten jockeys who ran in this year's Kindergarten Derby!

Official results of the 63rd Kindergarten Derby:

Win – Sam Epstein – Luxor Cafe

Place – Hudson Semder – Journalism

Show – Benjamin Kurtz – Sandman



Thank You, Faculty and Staff

The faculty and staff at Collegiate are truly remarkable. Their commitment to making every student feel seen, supported, and valued extends far beyond the classroom, impacting the lives of all who learn from them. Collegiate would like to thank the following administrators, faculty, and staff for their service and commitment to our community. We wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors!

Fisher Beasley '20

Lower School Assistant Instructor, 1 year

Dr. Joseph Sinski

Upper School Chemistry Instructor, 2 years

Dr. Tiffany Bridgewater

Head of Lower School & Director of Community Engagement & Belonging, 10 years

Marisa Daihl

Junior Kindergarten Director, 17 years (retiring)

Rick Haas

Middle School History Instructor, 34 years (retiring)

Ken Kimmel

Upper School History Instructor, 6 years

Melissa Martin

Lower and Middle School Science Instructor, 39 years (retiring)



Pictured (l-r): Melissa Martin, Marisa Daihl, and Rick Haas

Time Travelers of Collegiate: A Women in History Oral Legacy

By Georgia Lawrence '25

In the words of DJ Drama, the “only thing we ain’t traveled is time.” Well, that’s definitely not true for the select few students of **Dr. Alessandra Link’s** first-semester Women in History class. Exactly five students participated in the course, where topics of study were the waves of the ever-evolving feminist movement, notable women in global history, ecofeminism, and much, much more. However, the class’s greatest undertaking came when we specified our studies to Collegiate history through an Oral History Drive – a series of interviews of former Collegiate students. A daunting task, each senior student – **Azaria Puryear**, **Sophia Wilson**, **Evangeline Heilman**, **Lilly Burckle**, and I – was assigned four Collegiate alumni to interview about their life and times at Collegiate. In total, the class interviewed 24 alumnae ranging from the class of 1945 to 2008. Alumnae included members of the former all-girls classes and the school’s first Black graduate.

The in-person interviews took place in one day. During the day, students interviewed various alumnae in thirty-minute sessions. And at lunchtime, the students, interviewees, and faculty members – all women – sat down to enjoy a delicious meal of sandwiches and cookies. Both the interviews and the conversation at the lunch table were lively. We compared the struggles of physics in 1969 to today and learned about the culture of an all-girls Collegiate. The whole day was “a vibe,” as the class would want Dr. Link to say.

Now, this all may sound very impressive (thank you very much!), but the class’s tireless preparation for the drive makes us truly remarkable. Each student worked diligently to curate information on each interviewee and specify questions that would prompt vivid responses. We worked with historian and friend of Dr. Link, **Dr. Rebecca Wingo**, to learn how historians ask good questions. The interviews were conducted both in person and virtually via video chat. Every single interview was recorded, so students also dedicated class time to learning the necessary software skills from **Mrs. Tori Sachtleben**, Director of Library Services, and **Mr. Dylan Holland**, Director of Technology, to do this successfully.

The results of these interviews were not just historical, but poignant. Students were also able to foster meaningful bonds with the alumnae. One, **Louise Rapp Wall '47**, frequents the school for lunch with me. There



Georgia Lawrence '25 and Louise Rapp Wall '47

are few things I look forward to more than seeing her blue BMW glide into the Glenmary Circle Drive parking lot and the tantalizing gossip that ensues upon her arrival. Altogether, our class’s interviews have left a lasting mark on the school’s culture. Our interviews are also now stored in the Collegiate archives for community members to enjoy and learn from.

The Women in History class would like to thank Dr. Link, **Mrs. Catherine Gatewood Easley '02**, Alumni, Events, and Partnerships Coordinator, Mr. Holland, and Mrs. Sachtleben for their tremendous support in the Oral History Drive. We would also like to thank the alumni who were so generous with their time and stories of their experiences. Because of this experience, we students have become better and more enlightened people, and it couldn’t have happened without all of you.

Collegiate—scan the QR code to enjoy the interviews!





Students doing research at The Filson Historical Society with Dr. Link, Catherine Gatewood Easley '02, and Sara Gahan.



Patsie Logan Peak '45 reading her senior Transcript!



Tori Murden McClure '81 and Evangeline Heilman '25



Azaria Puryear '25 and Babs Rodes Robinson '80



Chenault McClure Conway '59 and Lilly Burckle '25

ALUMNAE INTERVIEWEES

Special thanks to our alumni who participated in the interviews!

Tekisha Slaughter Boone '95
Amy Sullivan Cahill '87
Sally Van Winkle Campbell '62
Lisa Taylor Cobb '84
Chenault McClure Conway '59
Ann Price Davis '69
Hilda Gudmundsson Davis '69
Kitty Davis '70

Liz Ratliff Evans '08
Kate Hardy Failing '84
Allison Westerman Kreske '84
Rajani Narasimhan LaRocca '88
Virginia Bennett Leeds '84
Elizabeth Herbener Mansfield '84
Tori Murden McClure '81
Patsie Logan Peak '45

Viji Rangaswami '89
Babs Rodes Robinson '80
Angela Singla '89
Cathy Peak Smock '74
Anne Lynn Peters Vencel '84
Louise Rapp Wall '47
Tokesha Warner '92
Jean Wyer '68

Collegiate Celebrates Students and Faculty Achievements at Graduation and Honors Day Ceremonies

Each school year, Collegiate celebrates and honors students and faculty achievements at each division's Honors Day and Commencement ceremonies. Please join us in congratulating the following award recipients.

GRADUATION DAY

The Katherine McCracken Davis

Distinguished Teaching Chair Award

Alumni School Spirit Prize

William M. Street Head of School Award

Speed Medal

Simon Stern

Elizabeth Relish '25

Ashley Kara '25

Elizabeth Relish '25

UPPER SCHOOL

University of Louisville Yarmuth

Book Award

University of Michigan

Rhodes College Book Award

UVA - Jefferson Book Award

Yale Book Award

Princeton University

Harvard/Radcliffe Prize

Book Award

Rosie Miller '26

Ruby Miguel '26

Cameron Kiefer '26

Alex Makdah '26

Aliya Nasim '26

Lillian Chung '26

Ryan Emery '26

Eleventh Grade Math Award

Twelfth Grade Math Award

Stern Medal:

Tonya Amini '25, Lila Hayden '25, Evi Heilman '25, and Aidan Romero '25

Alex Makdah '26

Lillian Chung '26

Maci Voigt '25

Henry Hasselbacher '25

ENGLISH

Ninth Grade English Award

Tenth Grade English Award

Smith College Book Award

Twelfth Grade English Award

Flexner Creative Writing Award

Henry Septimus Gray Speech Award

Vivian Schnuerle '28

Sherlyn Choi '27

Cate Riley '27

Ruby Miguel '26

Riley Webb '25

Elizabeth Relish '25

Riley Webb '25

Lila Hayden '25

SCIENCE

Honors Biology Award

Honors Chemistry Award

Physics Award

Bausch and Lomb Science Medal

Upper School Science Award

Marybelle Bloch Science Award

Maya Flodder '28

Pierson Rooptai '28

David Laber '26

Alex Makdah '26

Emi Meldrum '25

Ashley Kara '25

WORLD LANGUAGE

Upper School French Award

Upper School Spanish Award

Anne Prince Award

Emi Meldrum '25

Aidan Romero '25

Jordan Gray '25

FINE ARTS

The Campbell Drama Award

Wendy MacLean Bell Music Award

Class of 1932 Art Prize

Instrumental Music Award

Kyla Ford '25

Keira Olson '25

Kendall Robbins '25

Samuel Rios '25

Riley Webb '25

HISTORY

Ninth Grade History Prize

Tenth Grade History Prize

United States History Prize

US History Scholar Award

Devon Boyer '28

Max Shelley '27

Cyra Neimat '26

Gabby Hartlage '25

SPECIAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Inner Fire Award

The Burgess Davis Sportsmanship Award

Alumni Association Athletic Award

Layla Lococo '27

Heidi Mitchell '27

Andrew Hoffmann '25

Colby Berson '25

Josh Rairick '25

Riley Webb '25

MATHEMATICS

Ninth Grade Math Award

Tenth Grade Math Award

Sophia Lee '28

Harris Fleischman '28

Elina Sulkowski '27

Leo Hasselbacher '27

Senior Iron Amazon/Titan Awards:

Holden Boles, Henry Hasselbacher, Georgia Lawrence James Marshall, Henry Mason, Emi Meldrum, Elizabeth Relish, Ellie Ruppe, Roman Sierpina, Riley Webb, and Frank Yates



Kyla Ford '25 and Sally Van Winkle Campbell '62

Lee Davis International Studies Award
 The John A. McCarthy Prize
 Carolyn Morgan Spirit of Creativity Award
 Lampton Cup
 Class of 1986 Award
 The MacKelcan Award
 Marilyn Foulke Community Service Award
 Brittany Wish Bevin Award

Gabby Hartlage '25

Emi Meldrum '25
Lily Butler '25

Jordan Gray '25
Riley Webb '25
Andrew Hoffmann '25
Samuel Rios '25

Ryan Emery '26

LOWER SCHOOL

Ms. Beasley's Cornerstone Award
Asher Schabdach '33
 Ms. Dunman's Cornerstone Award
Lily Epstein '33
 Mr. Petti's Cornerstone Award
Emerson Reed '33
 The Alumnae School Spirit Prize
Mary Hinton Orr '33
 William M. Street Head of School Award
Logan Fowler '33

MIDDLE SCHOOL

English Award
 Sarah Kelly Beard Prize for Creative Writing
 Louis McGalliard Smith Writing Award
 Art Award
 Drama Award
 Drama Award
 Dorothy S. Gilsdorf Vocal Music Award
 Instrumental Music Award
 Young Artist Award
 French Prize
 Spanish Prize
 Mary Rodes Nash History Award
 Lucille Edwards Crosby Mathematics Award
 Mathematics Award
 Science Award
 Athletic 7th grade
 Athletic 7th grade
 Athletic 8th grade
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 Character & Citizenship/6th
 Character & Citizenship/6th
 Character & Citizenship/7th
 Character & Citizenship/7th
 Character & Citizenship/8th
 Character & Citizenship/8th
 MS Student Progress Award, 5th
 MS Student Progress Award, 6th
 MS Student Progress Award, 7th
 Most Improved Student Award
 MS Effort and Achievement

Jude Wicking '29
Evelyn Ewen '29

Catherine Burstein '29

Moira Karr '29
Shai Bornstein '29
Annie Martin '29
Kayla Holzer '29

Jude Seow '29
Jada Johnson '29
Moira Karr '29
Molly Swansburg '29
Halle Schuster '29
Joseph Marshall '29

Matt Yan '29
Lucas Yan '29
Elliot Swaminathan '30
Adara Khan '30
Henry Ewen '29
Jada Johnson '29
Rory Powers '31
Deja Vaughn '31
Mo Staton '32
Luke Maxwell '32
Kinleigh Johnson '31
Jay Coy '31
Neal James '30
Thomas Paramore '30
Ryan Wachsmann '29
Chloe Schaefer '29
Elliot Tran '32
Addie Rankin '31
Barrett Griggs '30
Brady Berson '29
Calissa Yao '29

MS Leadership Award
 The Leonardo da Vinci Award, 5th
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 John Herzfeld Award
 Arnold E. Holtberg Award
 The Elizabeth Stirling Tate Award
 Alumni School Spirit Prize
 William M. Street Head of School Award

Kayla Holzer '29
Amira Agrawal '32

David Owsley '32

Georgia Rudwell '30
Cora Rizzo '29
Halle Schuster '29

Tilly Maynard '29
Evelyn Ewen '29

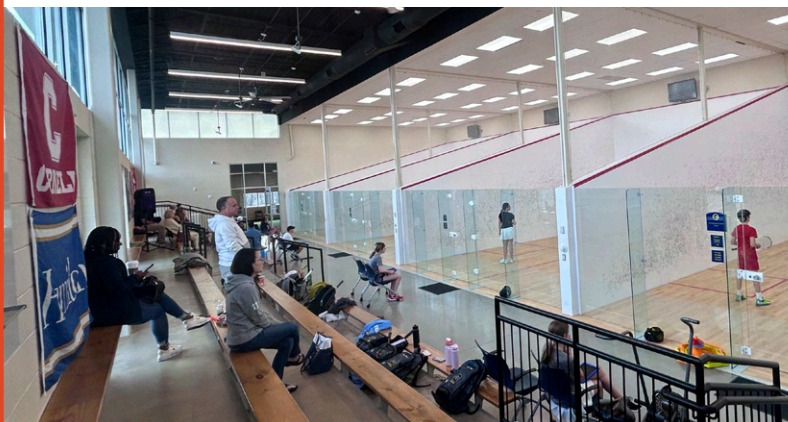


John Herzfeld and Georgia Rudwell '30





Join us for lessons, clinics, and leagues to enhance your squash and golf skills!



Louisville Community Squash has four Squash Courts and a Virtual Golf Sports Lab with two state-of-the-art golf simulators. Members can enjoy the facility for lessons, clinics, and leagues, and membership is open to the public.

Membership includes:

- Unlimited access to the Squash Courts and Golf Simulators during hours of operation
- Ability to book Squash Courts and Golf Simulators online
- Schedule lessons and clinics with Squash Pros



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UPCOMING EVENTS

**THE GLENMARY SHOP
BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALE**

August 6, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
August 7, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
August 8, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL
PARENT GATHERING**

August 7, 5:30 p.m.

NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

August 7, 6:30 p.m.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION
USED UNIFORM SALE**

August 8, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

August 8, 9:00 a.m.

OPEN CAMPUS - ALL DIVISIONS

August 8, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 12, 8:00 a.m.

CONVOCATION & PICTURE DAY

August 15, 2:00 p.m.

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

September 12-13

ALUMNI & FACULTY CELEBRATION

September 12

**GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL
FRIENDS DAY**

November 21

*For a complete list of upcoming events,
visit louisvillecollegiate.org.*



Congratulations, Class of 2029!

Congratulations to the Class of 2029 for finishing Middle School! We can't wait to welcome you to the Upper School!

Help us tell the world why it's a great time to be at LCS!

- Rate us the best school in the region on **NICHE**; niche.com/k12/survey
- Get **SOCIAL** with us: like, comment, and share our social media posts!



- Invite family and friends to **VISIT** campus.

Auxiliary Programs Offers New Workshops and Enrichment Classes

Collegiate offers various Auxiliary Programs for families and the community. This year, we expanded to offer adult workshops and enrichment classes. We also added Lower School clubs and team sports. Visit our website at louisvillecollegiate.org/auxiliary-programs for a complete list of programming and offerings.



Collegiate Continues its Focus on Health and Wellness

By Sharon Kinnison, Wellness Associate

For a school prioritizing connection and relationships, continuing to strengthen those two values in a wellness program is a natural progression.

In the last year, we have strengthened our cultural values by offering programs on mattering, resilience, and creating tech-intentional environments. We have continued offering our faculty ways to support the classroom experience and provide perspectives on their wellness. We formed a student wellness focus group that helped guide and articulate our wellness efforts. We launched our Wellness Wednesday program on the first Wednesday of each month and offered a pop-up art event to stoke the creative process and build relationships.

As we move into the new school year, look for all the aforementioned events to continue. To deepen our community experience, we will organize the year by creating a monthly focus for health and wellness in the following categories: nutritional, financial, psychological, intellectual, environmental, physical, and cultural health and well-being. Your wellness team will develop and organize specific events and activities to support learning and exploring these categories.

During the 2025-26 school year, Collegiate will offer a Wellness Fair on November 16 from 1:00-5:30 p.m. The Fair will serve teachers and administrators in the Louisville and Southern Indiana schools.

With Health and Well-Being as a part of the Strategic Plan for our school, you can rely on the Wellness team to continue to make Collegiate the healthiest place for a child to grow up and strive to support our community with this life changing and life affirming process.



Upper School students participated in a wellness activity on the campus field.



Collegiate parents participate in a small group discussion during one of the Parents Association Wellness Series events.

2025-26 Parents Association Wellness Series

SAVE THE DATES

September 16
November 11

March 17
January 27

April 21

Events are open to the entire Collegiate community!



2024-25 Collegiate Athletic Highlights



Congratulations to the Titan Track & Field team for winning the first ever KHSAA 1A State Championship for Collegiate!



- 13 Student-Athletes from class of 2025 committed to continuing their athletic careers at the next level
- Titan Track & Field - KHSAA 1A indoor Track & Field State Runner-Up Team, spring Region Champion Team, and KHSAA 1A spring Track & Field State Champion Team
- Amazon and Titan Squash - Top-32 finish at the U.S. HS Squash Nationals
- Titan Soccer - All "A" State Classic Champions, KHSAA District 26 and Region 7 Champions, and KHSAA State Runner-Up
- Titan Cross Country - **James Gurley '26** and **Roman Sierpina '25** finish first & second at the KHSAA 1A Cross Country State Championships
- Amazon Cross Country - KHSAA 1A Regional Champions
- Amazon Golf - All "A" Region Champions, and third at All "A" State Tournament
- Titan Golf - All "A" Region Champions, and fifth at All "A" State Tournament
- Inaugural Season of Amazon Volleyball
- Amazon Field Hockey - KHSAA State Quarterfinalists and Region Runner-Up
- Titan Tennis - **Colby Berson '25** KHSAA State Tournament Singles Semifinalist
- Amazon Tennis - **Margaret Schulte '27** KHSAA State Tournament Singles Quarterfinalist and **Addie Gragg '27** and **Kennedy Gragg '27** KHSAA State Tournament Doubles Quarterfinalists
- Titan Swimming - **Lincoln Hofmann '26** earned an automatic All-American time standard in the 100-yard backstroke, placing 3rd, and an All-American consideration time in the 100-yard freestyle, finishing as the state runner-up
- **Julien Veliquette '25** broke the KHSAA 1A Track and Field 110m Hurdles record that had stood since 1979, with a state championship performance



Lincoln Hofmann '26



Kennedy Gragg '27 and Addie Gragg '27

Dear Fellow Alumni,

At this year's Commencement, I loved watching the first graders escort their Senior Buddies into the ceremony. It's cherished traditions like these that keep our community connected and vibrant. As I listened to the many accomplishments of Collegiate's 109th graduating class of sixty-six seniors, I felt confident that these young adults will embody the spirit of our *Dear Collegiate, Alma Mater*, striving "on to goals more high."



School spirit among alumni remains strong, as evidenced by our record-breaking giving levels for the second consecutive year. Seventeen percent of alumni contributed to the 2024-25 Annual Fund, nearly three times the national average of 6% for independent schools. We are profoundly grateful for your support, which empowers us to sustain and enhance the exceptional educational experience that makes our community so special.

I am honored to lead the 31-member Alumni Association board and want to express my gratitude to each member for their enduring commitment to Collegiate. These dedicated alumni have supported class reunions, sparked participation in giving, and provided valuable input on the school's strategic plan and capital campaign. This year, inspired by ideas from our community, and in collaboration with our dedicated alumni and faculty, we brought two successful new events to life for the Collegiate family: the Alumnae Authors and Artists Luncheon and the Women in History – Oral History Drive, which you can read about in this issue.

Scan the QR code below to visit our alumni events web page to stay informed about opportunities to connect with fellow alumni and the broader Collegiate community. Mark your calendars for the next Alumni and Faculty Celebration Event on Friday, September 12. This year's award recipients exemplify the very best of our community, and we look forward to honoring their achievements together.

I encourage you to get involved in any way you can, and please reach out if you have any ideas or events you would like to see happen. Have a wonderful summer!

With gratitude,

Mark Bowling '03
Alumni Association President



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Alumni Association Announces its 2025 Alumni Award Winners & Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

The annual Alumni Association Awards will be presented during the Alumni and Faculty Celebration on the evening of Friday, September 12, 2025. We invite you to join us for a festive evening of connection and celebration—including a free reception, dinner, and lively after-party honoring this year's outstanding alumni.

This special event brings together alumni, current and former faculty and staff, board members, parents of alumni, and friends of the school. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up, share memories, and celebrate the enduring spirit of Collegiate.

Congratulations to this year's award recipients!

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Jennie Eilers Gerard '62

Jennie Eilers Gerard '62 has spent her life turning visionary ideas into lasting, meaningful change. From her early days as a student at Collegiate, Jennie demonstrated a quiet leadership that would come to define her future. As one of her classmates, **Mary Entwistle Limbert '62**, puts it, "Jennie has always been so farsighted and committed, seeing opportunities and ways to serve and help that were way ahead of us. In so many ways, she was and is a leader."

After graduating from Collegiate, Jennie went on to earn a B.A. from Wellesley College in 1966 and a Master's in City and Regional Planning from the Illinois Institute of Technology in 1968. She then launched her career as a city planner, working at Philip Herr & Associates in Boston and Duncan & Jones in Berkeley in the late '60s and early '70s. In 1977, Jennie joined The Trust for Public Land, a national land conservation organization, where she held various positions, culminating as Senior Vice President for External Affairs. There, she was instrumental in the conservation of open spaces that continue to serve communities across the United States.

After the Trust for Public Land, Jennie served as the Chief of Staff for the City of Oakland's District 2 Council member, a role in which she worked tirelessly to serve her community and enhance the city's quality of life. **Abel Guillen**, a former Oakland



City Council member, publicly recognized Jennie's "outstanding public service and passionate dedication to the constituents and the City of Oakland."

Jennie's work transcended the professional sphere. She has been a dedicated volunteer, serving on the board and as chair of the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, which supports the creation of public trails from unused rail corridors. "Jennie fearlessly enacted her opinion to include 'the least among us' in her farsighted work for preservation, conservancy, and the Trust for Public Land," remarked classmate **Barbara Van Cleave Halvorson '62**. "She made tiny talents into part of the cause for Nature."

After retiring, Jennie continued her work of protecting open spaces. Recently, she co-founded the Lake Merritt Conservancy in Oakland, California, to enhance the visitor experience while improving the lake's water quality. She has also co-founded several organizations focused on

improving the lake's park environs, including the Lake Merritt Weed Warriors, which partners with the City of Oakland to maintain and improve the landscaped beds at the lake. Her commitment to community stewardship is evident in the words of her classmate, **Jill Davenport '62**, who praised Jennie's "vision and foresight" in the preservation of the natural world.

Outside her professional accomplishments, Jennie's impact on her classmates has been just as profound. "Jennie was often our leader and she was good at asking us for help," said **Suzanne Helm Blake '62**. Even after retirement, Jennie has continued to

nurture the bonds of friendship within her class. Her classmates have praised her unwavering commitment to staying connected, with **Bessie Tyrrell '62** noting that Jennie "has never missed a class reunion, always finds time to host class Zoom meetings."

Jennie's legacy is one of impact, service, and dedication. Her work in conservation, community engagement, and civic leadership continues to benefit countless individuals. As her classmate, **Sally Van Winkle Campbell '62**, aptly stated, "Jennie – a woman who was and is ahead of her time ... a quiet force of nature."



YOUNG ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Brittany Fitzpatrick '05

Brit Fitzpatrick '05 has been thinking like an entrepreneur since childhood. At age seven, she launched her first business reselling ice cream to neighborhood kids who'd missed the ice cream truck during a summer with her Granny. The business thrived, until she sold a Bomb Pop for \$20 and quickly learned her first lesson in pricing and customer satisfaction: parents want their change.

That early experience sparked a lifelong passion for innovation and impact. Today, Brit serves as Head of Data & Impact at All Raise, a nonprofit working to accelerate the success of women and nonbinary founders and funders in the tech ecosystem. All Raise's mission of "Move Money. Shift Power. Change Culture," aligns perfectly with Brit's career-long commitment to equity and inclusion.

Brit's journey includes founding MentorMe in 2013, one of the first SaaS mentoring platforms, which supported over 100 K–12 mentoring programs across the country. She has launched entrepreneurial communities in Tennessee and helped establish 1804 Entrepreneur Center in Louisville, her hometown. She also helped found The Well, the city's first co-working space dedicated to Black-owned businesses.

A proud alumna of Howard University (B.A.) and the University of Memphis (M.A.), Brit's work has been widely recognized. She created #ProjectDiane, the

first dataset tracking venture capital investment in Black women founders, and was appointed to the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Her thought leadership has been featured in *Essence*, *GOOD Magazine*, *FastCompany*, Inc., and *Business Insider*, and she's spoken at more than 30 national events, including TEDx, Dreamforce, and White House Demo Day.

Brit also runs Nevertheless, a technology-driven small business supporting Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. Her data-backed, community-centered approach continues to drive measurable impact across the startup ecosystem.

In addition to her professional roles, Brit serves on the External Review Board for the Mid-South Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (REACH) at Vanderbilt University, where she helps support National Institute for Health (NIH) funding to drive medical innovation through university commercialization across the region.

She is a judge for the annual Black Ambition Prize launched by entertainer Pharrell Williams, which funds bold ideas and companies led by Black and Hispanic entrepreneurs.

When she's not leading change, Brit enjoys day trips and road trips accompanied by a good 90s R&B playlist, spending quality time with friends and family, going to the gym, keeping up with her bonus nephew and nieces, unwinding with documentaries and her favorite TV shows, and fellowshiping with her weekly women's Bible class.

COLLEGIATE SERVICE AWARD

Kelly Estep

Kelly Estep has long been a guiding force within the Collegiate community, bringing warmth, leadership, and a deep commitment to making every family feel welcome and valued. Since her children, **Aidan '23** and **Lily '25**, began attending Collegiate in Lower School, Kelly and her husband Brian Butler have embraced the school not just as an academic institution but as a home.

Driven by a desire to help others feel that same sense of belonging, Kelly jumped into service in nearly every role imaginable including room parent, grade rep, event volunteer, and, ultimately, President of the Parents Association (PA) for two years. In her time with the PA, she helped transform it into a more inclusive, welcoming space for all families, including efforts to engage more dads and underrepresented voices. She led key faculty appreciation initiatives and family support programs and helped foster deeper collaboration between parents and school leadership.

During her tenure as PA President, Kelly also served on the Board of Trustees, where she supported Collegiate's Inclusion and Belonging and wellness efforts and advocated for stronger ties between the school and the broader Louisville community. Her leadership reflects the same intentionality she brings to her professional life as co-owner of Carmichael's Bookstore, a beloved

Brit credits Collegiate teachers **Maria Hardy-Webb** and **Heather Grant** for instilling high expectations early on, "It's one thing for a teacher to want you to succeed, it's another for them to expect you to succeed. These two were the latter for me."

She draws inspiration from her hometown hero Muhammad Ali, whose words guide her outlook on work and life: "Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."



Louisville institution. Whether curating books or strengthening school communities, Kelly fosters connection wherever she goes.

Her impact extends far beyond Collegiate. Kelly served on the board of the American Booksellers Association for six years and currently serves on the boards of Educational Justice, Friends of Bardstown Road, and the Buy Local Louisville Foundation. She also contributes her voice to neighborhood zoning and planning committees, helping build vibrant, inclusive communities throughout the city.

"Community, belonging, and understanding of others is never a given," Kelly says. "It takes time and energy to build that trust and respect." Her service to Collegiate embodies that philosophy—and has helped countless families feel that they, too, have found a home here.

FACULTY AND STAFF SERVICE AWARD

Rick Haas

Rick Haas is the kind of teacher students never forget—the one they all admire, appreciate, and return to visit, even years after leaving his classroom. With a warm smile, a sharp intellect, and an unwavering dedication to learning, Mr. Haas has shaped generations of students over his remarkable 34-year career at Collegiate. Known for his thoughtful, engaging approach to teaching and his deep, genuine care for each student, Mr. Haas has been a cornerstone of the Middle School experience and a beloved mentor to countless learners.

In his 8th-grade U.S. History class, Mr. Haas blended textbook instruction with an immersive exploration of primary source documents—especially the U.S. Constitution and the landmark legal cases that shaped its amendments. His classroom emphasized critical thinking, thoughtful discussion, and careful analysis, challenging students to engage deeply with the material and develop their own informed perspectives. More than one graduate has likened his class to a law school seminar, a testament to the rigor and relevance of the skills he taught—tools that have continued to serve students long after they left his classroom.

Mr. Haas' teaching journey at Collegiate began in the late 1980s as a substitute teacher. During the 1990–91 school year, he stepped in for an eight-week 6th-grade math assignment, which led to a full-time role by the fall of 1991. Over the years, he taught 6th-grade history, 8th-grade math, 7th-grade geography, and 9th-grade algebra, before finding his home in 8th-grade history—a role that has allowed him to share his passion for American government and civic engagement.

Beyond the classroom, Mr. Haas has made a profound impact on the life of the school. He served as the first Middle School Dean of Students, led numerous grade-level teams, and coached quick recall, Middle School softball, and future problem solving. He was also instrumental in creating the ME Project, a signature 8th grade program that supports personal reflection and growth.



Mr. Haas is admired by students and colleagues alike. His quick wit, steady presence, and love of learning make him a beloved figure in the community. He models curiosity, care, and intellectual rigor in every interaction.

Following his retirement from full-time teaching at the end of the 2025 school year, Collegiate is grateful that Mr. Haas plans to stay connected to the community as a substitute teacher in the years ahead. His legacy—marked by deep learning, meaningful relationships, and unwavering dedication—continues to shape the Middle School experience and inspire those who were fortunate to learn from him.

Share Your News & Update Your Information

We love to share your news with fellow alumni. Please tell us what you have been up to or update your contact information by scanning the QR code or visiting the alumni page on our website at louisvillecollegiate.org/connect. If you do not receive the monthly Alumni eNewsletter, please use that link to update your email address.



Did you recently have a baby? If so, let us know, and we will send you a Collegiate Teddy Bear!

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

Haji Abdikadir '18

Haji Abdikadir '18 has been selected for the Collegiate Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of his outstanding achievements in soccer, perseverance, and his dedication to representing Collegiate both nationally and internationally.

Born in Somalia, Haji moved to the United States with his family at the age of eight, settling in Louisville, Kentucky. From high school to his professional career abroad, Haji's journey exemplifies excellence, determination, and the power of sport to connect communities worldwide.

Haji's legacy at Collegiate began with a record-breaking high school career that made a lasting impact on the soccer program. In his junior year, Haji led the Collegiate soccer team to the state quarterfinals, earning multiple accolades including First-Team All-State, All-Region, and All-District honors. His performance that season, scoring 40 goals and adding 12 assists despite a knee injury, also earned him national recognition as the Gatorade Kentucky Player of the Year and USA Today National Player of the Year. His contributions helped his team win the All "A" State Championship, where he was named tournament MVP.

Building on his high school success, Haji played for the University of Louisville, where he made 43 appearances, scored four goals, and contributed three assists. Haji's determination was evident as he overcame the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic's impact on his seasons. His leadership on the field set the stage for his professional career.

Haji transitioned to professional soccer with USL Championship side San Diego Loyal in 2021, debuting soon after. Later, he moved to the Colorado Springs Switchbacks FC and then to Athlone Town in Spain's Irish First Division. He also represented the Somalia National Team in the 2023 Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers, proudly representing his roots on the global stage.



Outside of his playing career, Haji continues to invest in the future of the game through coaching and entrepreneurship. He founded TSOMFUTBOL, a thriving soccer academy and coaching business focused on developing technical skills, discipline, and confidence in young players. "It stands for They Sleeping On Me," Haji explains. "It's more than just a name — it's a mindset. For the ones grinding in silence, staying patient, building, and letting their game speak." Through TSOMFUTBOL, Haji empowers youth athletes, especially those from underrepresented communities, to unlock their potential both on and off the field.

Throughout his career, Haji has maintained a deep connection to Collegiate, now giving back as a Varsity Titan Soccer coach. Using his experience and expertise, Haji mentors the next generation of athletes, cultivating the same passion for soccer that shaped his journey.

Coach Chad Wozniak, who coached Haji at Collegiate, reflects on his impact: "Haji was a standout leader. His dedication and work ethic were unmatched, and his accolades speak to his talent and drive. He sets the bar high and inspires others to reach for excellence."



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Celebrating Creativity: The Inaugural Collegiate Alumnae Artists and Authors Luncheon

We were thrilled to welcome over 65 alumnae back to Louisville Collegiate School for our first Collegiate Alumnae Artists & Authors Luncheon on March 14, 2025! We celebrated the incredible creativity, storytelling, and artistic expression of our talented alumnae. Their work and stories beautifully showcase the power of imagination and reflect the values and spirit of a Collegiate education.

The enthusiasm was incredible, the speakers were captivating, and the energy in the room was truly inspiring. Seeing such a joyful and engaged group was a powerful reminder of the deep and lasting connections that make our community so special.

A special thank you to our featured artists and authors: **Sally Van Winkle Campbell '62; Ann Price Davis '69, Susu Dishman Dougherty '74, Helen Hammon Jones '51, Beverle Graves Myers '69, Anita Matton Streeter '74, and Tania Cutchins Vartan '60.**

We are also incredibly grateful to our dedicated planning committee who dreamed up this event: **Gretchen Rounsavall Clark '67, Kate Vogt Talamini '67, Sally Van Winkle Campbell '62, Mary Anne O'Callaghan Cronan '64, Hilda Gudmundsson Davis '69, Kit Davis '69, Kitty Davis '70, and Anita Matton Streeter '74,** whose efforts made this event a success.

Thank you to everyone who made this day so special. Please save the date for the next year: March 13, 2026!



Lucy Jones '76, Lolly Langman '06, and Helen Hammon Jones '51



Tania Cutchins Vartan '60, Virginia "Sister" Kemp Stites '58, and Penelope Tarrant Morton '58



Mary Anne O'Callaghan Cronan '64 learns about Anita Matton Streeter '74's quilting.



Su Su Dishman Dougherty '74 and her artwork.



Sally Sanders Gastineau '69, Enid Dawson Mason '69, Kit Davis '69, Ann Price Davis '69, Hilda Gudmundsson Davis '69, Beverle Graves Myers '69, and Billie Burnam Durham '69

Scan below to see more photos from the event!



Alumni Connection Photo



The Alumni Connection photo features current students with parents, aunts, uncles, or grandparents who attended or graduated from Collegiate. Thank you to all our alumni who joined us on campus for this special morning!



Franny Adams '37, McCauley Williams Adams '00,
Erin Eggers Fidler, and Daniel Fidler '33



Suzette Higgins Miguel '93, Brian Cook '94, Richard Nash '94, Megan Hoskins '94, Nora FitzGerald Meldrum '92, David Johnson '93, Austin Thompson Anderton '97, and Will Vail '97

Third Annual KCD vs. LCS Pickleball Tournament

The KCD vs. LCS Pickleball Tournament returned for year three! Thanks to all the Collegiate alumni, parents, faculty, and friends who brought their A-game (and great energy) to Goodbounce Pickleball in Clarksville, Indiana. From fierce rallies to fun sideline chats, it was a fantastic day on and off the courts. This year, we loved adding a “friendlies” option for those who wanted to play more casually—it made the event even more welcoming and fun for all skill levels.

Thanks for making it such a hit! We can't wait to see you back on the courts next year.



Reunion Weekend 2025 | September 12-13

If you graduated in a year ending in a '0 or a '5, this is your milestone reunion year! While all alumni are warmly invited and encouraged to attend Reunion Weekend, we especially look forward to celebrating with our milestone classes.

There's no one-size-fits-all approach to planning a reunion. Just like your time at Collegiate, each class's celebration is unique. Reunions often begin with a few classmates getting the ball rolling, but if no one has started the process yet, you're welcome to step up and volunteer.

Here are a few tips to get started:

- Make plans to attend the Alumni & Faculty Celebration and After Party on Friday, September 12, 2025.
- Create a Facebook or Instagram group for your class reunion.
- Organize a casual gathering—whether it's at a classmate's home or a favorite local spot.

Need help? We're here for you! Contact **Catherine Gatewood Easley '02**, in the Alumni Office at 502.479.0345 or ceasley@louisvillecollegiate.org for class contact lists, Collegiate swag, and support to make your reunion special.

Let's make Reunion Weekend 2025 one to remember!



THE GLENMARY SHOP

Visit the Glenmary Shop to purchase polos, sweatshirts, and spirit wear! Shop online @glenmaryshoponline.com. Items purchased online during the summer can be picked up at school.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUMMER HOURS

Wednesday, August 6, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 7, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Glenmary Shop is the only retail store that donates its profits back to the school. It is managed and operated by Collegiate Alumni. Contact **Catherine Gatewood Easley '02** to volunteer in the shop!

REUNION WEEKEND

2025

Celebrating these reunion classes!

1945	1985
1950	1990
1955	1995
1960	2000
1965	2005
1970	2010
1975	2015
1980	2020

2025 Senior Legacy Recognition

One of Louisville Collegiate School's cherished traditions is honoring Legacy students at graduation. Legacy students are defined as current seniors whose parents, grandparents, and/or great-grandparents graduated from or attended Collegiate. Seniors with other family members who attended Collegiate are recognized separately as Collegiate Connections.

We are proud to celebrate the Legacy graduates of the class of 2025, along with the names of their family members who have helped continue the Collegiate tradition across generations.



Lila Marie Hayden - 2025
Anna Abraham Hayden - 1989



Jackson William Higgins - 2025
Kristine Gudmundsson Davis - 1995
Hilda Gudmundsson Davis - 1969



Cora Gill Holland - 2025
Augusta Brown Holland - 1994



Emmeline Claire Meldrum - 2025
Nora FitzGerald Meldrum - 1992



Piper Grace Walden - 2025
Elizabeth Blackburn Walden - 1988

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IN MEMORIAM



Kyle Smith Bianconcini '64
Barbara Lee Graves Brown '59
Sarah Goodell Ewing Ernst '44
Patricia Carol Halliday '45
Barbara Brown Hardy '48
Embry Winston Jacobs '55
Katherine Oldham Keller '58
Mary Agnes Foshee Norman '55
Barbara Leavell Smith '45
Kitty Edelen Tichenor '56
Henry Walter '13
Edyth James Wheeler '65
Juliette Norton Willis '62

New Legacies Attending Collegiate

We're thrilled to welcome **21 new Alumni Legacies** to Collegiate for the 2025–26 school year—students proudly continuing a family tradition, with a parent, grandparent, or great-grandparent who once walked these halls.

Welcoming these legacy families is a meaningful reminder of the lasting bonds formed at Collegiate. It's the strong sense of connection fostered by teachers, staff, and fellow families that makes Collegiate a place alumni are proud to return to with the next generation.



Dylan Bone '39

Elizabeth Dick Bone '03
Mother



Grant Cook '29

Michael Cook '01
Father



Ari Bornstein '32 & Noa Bornstein '32

Michelle Bornstein '93
Mother



Frannie Dade '39

Hallie Ragsdale Dade '07
Mother



Ellis Clark '38

Craig Clark '01
Father
Gretchen Rounsavall Clark '67
Grandmother
Gretchen Collins Rounsavall '35
Great-Grandmother



Oakes Harcourt '38

Beth Blasi Harcourt '04
Mother
Marion Hill Harcourt '36
Great-Grandmother
Betty Humphrey Blasi '47
Great-Grandmother



XiuXiu Collier '27

Paige Collier '93
Mother



Teddy Hendrick '38

Lizzie Doll '03
Mother

WELCOME TO COLLEGIATE!



**Collis Hillebrand '38 &
Dawson Hillebrand '36**

Collis Hancock Hillebrand '04
Mother
Mary Collis Hancock '46
Great-Grandmother



Ryder Penta '33

Rob Penta '99
Father



Gray Howell '32

Taylor Gray Howell '04
Mother



Abby Ridge '28

Chip Ridge '89
Father



**Franny Kartha '39 &
Louis Kartha '39**

Virginia Haselden Kartha '05
Mother



Henry Singer '38

Emily Vieth Singer '07
Mother
Laurie Camp Vieth '76
Grandmother
Edith Fitzhugh Camp '48
Great-Grandmother
Mary "Peabo" Jones Fitzhugh '23
Great-Great-Grandmother



Callum Moore-Roberts '39

Tadd Roberts '99
Father



James Tafel '32

Liz Lowe Tafel '00
Mother



Rodes Nash '29

Richard Nash '94
Father



Maddie Wardlaw '38

Katherine Brown Wardlaw '09
Mother

Alumni Association Welcomes the Class of 2025

What an incredible group! Just before walking across the graduation stage, the class of 2025 was officially welcomed into the Collegiate alumni family at the annual **Alumni Association Luncheon**—and we couldn't be more excited to have them join our lifelong community.

As part of the celebration, seniors enjoyed a heartwarming “Favorite Memories” video filled with laughter, reflection, and touching moments about what they'll miss most about their time at Collegiate. Each senior also received their first official Collegiate Alumni T-shirt and a commemorative Stoneware julep cup, marking the beginning of their alumni journey.

For lunch, the seniors enjoyed a delicious meal from **River Road BBQ**, owned by alum and senior parent **Krissy Davis '95**—a special touch that made the day even more meaningful.

Now officially graduates, the class of 2025 has already left its mark. We're incredibly proud of all they've accomplished and look forward to supporting them wherever their journey takes them next.



Upcoming Alumni Events

**Reunion Weekend including
Alumni and Faculty Celebration**
September 12-13

**Alumni Family Picture at the
Lower School Fall Festival**
October 18

Alumni Games during Thanksgiving Break
November 26

**Donuts and Dona Nobis
Before the annual Holiday Program**
December 19

Alumni Jingle and Mingle Reception
December 19

ENDOWMENT AT WORK

Honoring a Master Teacher: Simon Stern Named 2025 Katherine McCracken Davis Chair

By: Clay Gahan, Dean of Faculty

There are teachers whose impact can't be measured by test scores or transcripts. Their legacy is written instead in the quiet confidence of a student who finally understands, in the spark of curiosity ignited by a thoughtful question, and in the sense of possibility they awaken in those they teach.

Simon Stern is one of those teachers.

Now completing his 32nd year at Louisville Collegiate School, Simon has been named the 2025 recipient of the **Katherine McCracken Davis Teaching Chair**—an endowed award presented annually to a full-time faculty member who exemplifies a deep commitment to lifelong learning and the pursuit of excellence.

Established in 1997 by family and friends in memory of Katherine McCracken Davis, the Chair honors not only exceptional teaching but also the spirit and values that define a meaningful career in education, with the award amount determined by Collegiate's Board-approved Endowment Spending Policy.

Great teachers do more than deliver content. They open doors. They offer perspective. They help young people see their lives as meaningful, their questions as worthy, and their growth as sacred. And they do it not through grand gestures or one-time performances but through steady, day-in, day-out dedication. They know learning isn't a show or a box to check; it's a practice, and they commit to it fully.

Simon Stern brings a sharp, joyful mathematical mind to his classroom. He delights in the elegance of a well-crafted proof, the logic of a Taylor series, and the clarity that comes with deep understanding. Many of his students catch the same enthusiasm. All of them leave his class better for witnessing a model of passionate, curious, joyful learning. For some, it's the first time they realize that loving knowledge is not only possible, but deeply rewarding. His influence extends far beyond graduation—alumni regularly return to visit him, crediting his classes with shaping their intellectual lives and remembering him with deep affection and lasting gratitude.



Dr. Rob Macrae congratulating Simon Stern on his award.

But Simon also knows that young people are not equations. They change. They're messy. They don't always follow a formula. For more than three decades, he has shown up for that part of the work, too. Whether advising students, leading the Honor Board, coaching basketball, driving the bus, or cheering from the sidelines (often from his namesake the Stern Fan Zone at the Barker Brown Athletic Complex), Simon has made it clear to generations of students that their lives matter and their growth is worth watching.

A treasured colleague, a master of dry, dad wit, and a model of quiet, unwavering dedication to teaching, Simon Stern reminds us what it looks like to live out a vocation with grace.

Louisville Collegiate School is proud to name Simon Stern the 2025 recipient of the Katherine McCracken Davis Teaching Chair, with deep appreciation for his extraordinary contributions to teaching and learning.



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We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to the 2024–25 Annual Fund. When we give together as a community, we accomplish amazing things.

All donors as of June 30, 2025 will be recognized in the upcoming 2024–25 Impact Statement, publishing this August—stay tuned!

SCAN TO DONATE



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 18

Mark your calendar: the 2025–26 Annual Fund launches on Thursday, September 18 during **Give for Good Louisville**. We look forward to your continued support as we build an even stronger year together!



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Louisville Collegiate School would like to thank the following community partners who have expressed their support for Collegiate's students, faculty/staff, programming, and mission.

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If you are interested in becoming a Community Partner, please contact Catherine Gatewood Easley '02 at 502.479.0345 or ceasley@louisvillecollegiate.org.

Upper School students performed in Mean Girls this spring at Collegiate.





BACK-TO-SCHOOL INFORMATION

We're excited to welcome our students and families to campus in August for the start of the 2025-2026 school year! We look forward to a year of learning, growth, and meaningful connections. Whether you're returning to our school community or joining us for the first time, we're glad to have you with us.

Visit our website at louisvillecollegiate.org for a complete list of summer reading requirements, school supply lists, and everything you need to return to school!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 12



OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION

Each year, Collegiate hosts several events for prospective families to visit our campus and see first-hand what makes our school such a special place. If you know someone interested in learning about Collegiate, please share our Open House dates and contact our Admission Office at 502.479.0378 or admission@louisvillecollegiate.org.

FALL OPEN HOUSE

Junior Kindergarten - 12th Grade
Sunday, October 5, 2025
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Junior Kindergarten - 12th Grade
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

