A NOTE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

In a few short months, Washington School will begin its celebration of its founding fifty years ago. In those ensuing years, our community built a reputation for excellence in every area of operation. From the classroom to the athletic fields to the band hall and art rooms, you learned lessons you have used to thrive in life. As we look forward to the next fifty years, our challenge is to provide the same opportunity of learning to both our current and future students.

Throughout the school’s history, Sykes Hall has been one of the key places where our students have learned. Since the beginning of 2018, through generous donor support, the process of preparing Sykes Hall for the coming generations has begun. The sound system has been completely updated along with the stage lighting. New projection, recording, and streaming equipment has been added along with a sound booth and about 400 square feet of additional stage. This work is a statement about the past, present, and future of Washington School.

Looking back, we see the value our alumni and wider community place on the programs provided in Sykes Hall. Looking at today, we are supporting the efforts of our current students by presenting them with the tools to create and to excel. Looking to the future, we are emphasizing the importance of arts as part of the curricular excellence of Washington School.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL exists in a dynamic environment and as alumni and friends of the school, we invite your engagement and support of our continued efforts to build on the foundation you created for the good of our current and future students and for the good of Greenville and the Delta!

Jeff Pinnow

BE AN ACTIVE ALUM!

1. UPDATE YOUR INFO - Did you move? Get a new job? Get married? Let us know what you’ve been up to and how we can contact you to stay connected! www.generals.ws/alumni

2. BE SOCIAL - Follow us on Facebook at Washington School Alumni. Share your photos with the hashtag #foreverWS!

3. SPREAD THE WORD - Word-of-mouth from alumni is our best tool. Share your WS story with fellow alumni, family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. This is a great way to get the word out about our alumni movement!

4. MAKE A GIFT - Give back to WS. Every gift to every area of the school matters. Support the school in its mission to remain the premier college preparatory institution dedicated to opportunity and excellence. www.generals.ws/giving/ways-to-give

5. DON’T BE A STRANGER - The Alumni Office is beginning to host local events throughout the year. Take the opportunity to catch up with the school and fellow alumni.

6. WEAR IT! - Love being a WS alum and supporter? Wear your blue and gold with pride. Check out the WS General Store for all of your General gear!

7. READ ALL ABOUT US - just as you are now!
Class of 1994
Andy Sanders was promoted to Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Planters Bank.

Class of 1997
Parker England has been promoted to President of the Greenville Planters Bank.

Jessica Epting married Eric Curtis (’96) on May 11, 2017. The couple resides in Monroe, LA. Jessica is a registered nurse and Eric is a senior engineer at Century Link.

Class of 2003
Kimberly Willmer Dowell and husband, Matt, both pharmacists, purchased Martin’s Pharmacy in Indianola, MS, in June 2018.

Jonathan Jarrett was awarded the Pro Bono Award from the Louisiana State Bar Association in June 2018.

Jamison Hollister continues to amaze us with his musical talents. He played the fiddle for Dolly Parton on the Grammy stage in February.

Todd McGee was promoted to Vice President of Guaranty Bank, Hollandale. Todd and his wife, Lauren, reside in Leland and have one son, Mason.

Zeb Whatley joined Baptist Medical Group-Gastrointestinal Specialists. He and his wife, Haley Fratesi Whatley, have two sons, Zeb and Haze. They reside in Germantown, TN.

Class of 2004
Elizabeth Mahalatic Haley has been named Assistant Vice President of Guaranty Bank, Greenville. She serves on the Board of Directors for United Way of Greenville and is a resident of Eudora, AR, where she lives with her husband, Kyle and daughter, Kylie.

Class of 2005
Whitney Turnipseed has recently taken the job of Executive Director of Greenville Arts Council.

Class of 2006
Michael and Jacqueline Taylor Retzer and daughter, Sara Taylor, welcomed a son, Lyndall, on August 24, 2018.

Haley Lester Smith was promoted to Banking Officer at Guaranty Bank, Greenville. She and her husband, Jeff, reside in Scott, Mississippi and have two children, Brayden and Ella.

Class of 2007
Mary Grace Hite Conrad and husband, Alec, welcomed a daughter, Jane Katherine, on September 23, 2018.

Emily Keith Johnson and husband, Spencer, welcomed a daughter, Reeves Elise, on November 27, 2018. They live in Lake Village, AR.

Class of 2008
Olivia Barrett Ellis graduated from Mississippi Institute of Aesthetics in May of 2018, and now works at Dermatology Associates of Oxford in Oxford, MS, as the head medical esthetician.

Ann Claire and Allen Hayes welcomed a son, Charles Allen, on April 11, 2018. They live in Lake Village, AR.

Class of 2009
Gatlin Glover is in a Prosthodontics Specialty Residency Program at UAB in Birmingham, Alabama.

Miller and Mary Clyde King and son, Sam, welcomed a daughter, Molly McLeod, on December 10, 2018.

Hunter Purpora married Presley Nolan on October 20, 2018. The couple lives in Stuart, FL.

Aaron Sassenrath-Cole was named Delta State University’s Congressional Fellow for Spring 2019. He is currently serving in Senator Roger Wicker’s office in Washington, D.C. through May, gaining direct knowledge of the systems of Congress, developing awareness of public policy issues that affect the Delta region, and helping to provide constituent services and track legislation.

Class of 2010
Chris and Missy Adams welcomed a daughter, Adley Grace, on February 6, 2019.

Adrienne McCaskill Buckley and husband, Jeremy, welcomed a son, James Raymond, on October 15, 2018.

Mike and Peyton Palasini and son, Colt, are expecting a baby girl this April.

Class of 2011
Sarah Angel married Drew Lawrence on March 16, 2018. The couple lives in Wilson, AR.

Handly Mayton married Peter Loffredo on November 9, 2018.

Class of 2013
Adelle Eubank and Will Thaggard married on November 10, 2018.


Abigail Jernigan is in the middle of The World Race, an 11 month mission trip where she travels the world dictating each ministry to match the need of each place visited.


Class of 2015
Caleb Glover will attend College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State this fall, and he was recently chosen as the recipient of the Bardsley Scholarship.


Class of 2018
Baylee Palasini served as freshman maid during Delta State’s homecoming festivities this past fall.
ALUMNUS SPEAKS TO WS STUDENT COUNCIL ON LEADERSHIP

Will Coppage, alumnus of Class of 1997 and Deputy Director for the Washington County Economic Alliance whose main goal is to serve and grow the community, spoke to Washington School Student Council on effective leadership during their in-school retreat in December. Since Will spends his days promoting economic growth and development in Washington County, he was the perfect fit for a leadership retreat! He capitalized on staying positive, leading by example, and rising to greatness.

Thank you, Will, for your willingness to speak and for your service to our wonderful community!

Save the Date
WS Celebrates 50 Years
May 23rd, 2020

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50 YEARS A CLEAR VISION FOR THE FUTURE
LAWTON’S MARCH

Lawton Poole, daughter of Rick and Aletha Scott Poole ('95), is a sixth grader at Washington School. She was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes when she was two years old, 10 years ago. Lawton wanted to do something memorable for hitting her 10 year milestone, and since she is an avid runner, competing & placing in cross country and track meets on a state level, a Run/Walk was the perfect fit! With the help of her family and friends, LAWTON’S MARCH was put in place.

LAWTON’S MARCH is a 3K Run/Walk to benefit the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi. Students, parents and community friends donated to the cause in Lawton’s honor, and WS presented the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi a check for $8,500. Students, parents, grandparents and friends gathered on Huddleston Field for the 3K while fans cheered them on from the bleachers. (Our elementary school runners had a separate LAWTON’S MARCH 1K on the playground.)

Lawton designed & donated t-shirts to celebrate. Covering the back of the t-shirt is Lawton’s motto, NEVER GIVE UP! Lawton is an amazing young lady. She not only continues to fight her daily battle with grace but is doing so with flying colors! Washington School is excited to grow this event for many years to come. A big THANK YOU goes to the Poole and Robertson families for launching the first annual LAWTON’S MARCH to benefit such a wonderful cause!