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Thoughts from Roger L. Perry

Dear Friends,

The Class of 2015 is another group of remarkable young people who have learned and grown within the halls of our school. The entire Lakehill Family played a part in helping them acquire the tools and develop the skill-sets that should serve them well as they move forward after graduation. Many of our faculty and staff have known all of these talented students during their entire time as Lakehill Warriors. I offer the graduates and their families my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes as you start the next chapters in your lives.

Lakehill Preparatory School is moving forward and starting a new chapter, as well. Our current enrollment is at its highest level since the school opened its doors in 1971 and the existing main campus facility has reached maximum capacity. In order to continue the Lakehill standard of quality private education plans have been developed, over the past two and a half years, to renovate 8,000 square feet of existing space and add 16,000 square feet of new space to the original building.

This vital effort will produce new lab spaces for science, writing, and computer science, as well as an art studio. It will also provide new classrooms, meeting and event rooms, administrative offices, and bathrooms. A dramatic 5,000 square foot inner courtyard will also offer outdoor classroom and performance space.

This spring, in the public information phase of the project, we have been notifying area residents of our intentions and working with city officials regarding plans and approvals. While that process is still ongoing, we are also informing our Lakehill Family about the school's needs and seeking your help.

The Opening Doors Capital Campaign is an effort to raise funding for the essential expansion and renovation of the original Lakehill Preparatory School building. On pages 10 through 13 of Milestones you will learn more about the campaign and the scope of this project. Please consider helping us continue preparing classes full of remarkable young people for graduation through your generous support of The Opening Doors Capital Campaign.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Perry
Rachel Drazner | Valedictorian

The Class of 2015 Valedictorian, Rachel Drazner, attended Lakehill Preparatory School for two years. Her favorite subject was philosophy, and one of her greatest achievements was becoming a National Merit Scholar. Rachel was also named one of the top eighteen high school scholars in the state through her selection by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals (TASSP) as a member of the TASSP All-State Academic Excellence Team.

She was a member of Lakehill’s Varsity Tennis team and competed in the women’s singles division at the Tennis State Finals. In her spare time Rachel also loves to read, exercise, and bake, and wishes she knew how to mountain climb.

Rachel will attend Rice University in Houston and is considering majoring in philosophy. Other possibilities include biology, computer science, pre-med, or psychology.

Rachel’s friends describe her as quiet. She said the ability to develop close relationships between students and teachers is what she will miss the most about Lakehill.

Rachel’s favorite memory of Lakehill is the Junior-Senior Ring Luncheon. Her advice to younger students is to remember that a large part of life is showing up. | By Steven Murff, ninth grade

Haley York | Salutorian

A Lakehill Lifer, Haley York attended Lakehill for thirteen years. She says of her time at Lakehill, “My experience - despite how much smaller Lakehill is compared to other schools - has provided me with many great opportunities that have helped me be able to succeed and find out what I want to do with my life.”

Haley was a member of the volleyball, softball, and cheer teams. She enjoyed playing sports at Lakehill because of the bonding experiences with her teammates. In fact, one of her favorite memories at Lakehill was during her sophomore year when the volleyball team went to South Padre Island. “I had so much fun, and I loved the bonding time that we all got to have together, hanging out and playing on the beach.”

Haley dedicated a great amount of her time to student organizations, such as Sisteens and Student Council. As the president of Student Council, she was responsible for organizing many of the school’s activities and projects. She also had many commitments outside of school, such as volunteering at SPCA from the time she was 12. Haley also spent much of her time on schoolwork, saying that Biology was her favorite subject.

Among her many accomplishments during her senior year, Haley was honored as Homecoming Queen in the fall and was a Salutatorian of the Class of 2015. She will be attending Texas A&M University where she plans to study business marketing.

Many people contributed to Haley’s successful experience at Lakehill including Mr. Dent, Mr. Hagood, Mr. Holman, Mrs. Ekstrom, and the rest of the faculty, Cole Ellis, her parents, her grandparents, and her friends. She says that her favorite faculty member was Mrs. Ekstrom. “She went above and beyond by helping me figure out my plans for college and my internship. She helped make everything much easier. She was always there when I needed her.”

Haley says that the amazing teachers and her awesome friends are things she will miss most about Lakehill.

Her advice to younger Warriors is to “Try your hardest at whatever you’re doing. That is how you will succeed in whatever it is that you want to do, so don’t let anything stop you from doing that.”

By Mandy Scales, ninth grade, and Tyler McCall, eighth grade
Kelly Werther culminated her 13 years at Lakehill Preparatory School by being named a Salutatorian of the Class of 2015. She enjoys reading and writing, so it’s understandable that her best subject was English. Mr. Hagood was one of Kelly’s favorite teachers because he helped develop her writing which will be helpful in achieving her goal of becoming a journalist.

Kelly was involved in many extracurricular activities including National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Science Club, Sisteens. She also served as Senior Class President.

Among her athletic accomplishments this year, Kelly was named First Team All-District in basketball and softball. She was named Second Team All-District in Volleyball. Her highest Lakehill honor was being the coaches’ selection as the female recipient of The Fighting Heart Award, which is given to two student-athletes who lead by example, display pride, and put the team first, embodying the true spirit of a Lakehill athlete.

Kelly will attend the University of Kansas in Lawrence to study journalism and mass communications. After college, she hopes to work as a journalist, editor, or in a marketing firm.

Friends describe Kelly as being a responsible, dedicated, smart student. Her goal for this year was to graduate with strong grades and have a good summer before college. In her free time, Kelly is happiest when she’s with her best friends, playing basketball, or getting some extra sleep.

Her inspiration comes from her parents and the books she reads. She said she “couldn’t possibly pick” a favorite Lakehill memory because there are so many. She is proud of the legacy she left at Lakehill and wants to be remembered as a well-rounded, smart, caring student and a good role model. | By Shelby Britton, ninth grade

Erin Boyce was a Lakehill Warrior for six years. During her time in Upper School she participated in musical theater, choir, French Club, Science Club, and Sisteens. Erin’s favorite subjects in school were English and government.

Erin will major in Art History at DePaul University in Chicago. She also plans to study French, the language she took for three years at Lakehill.

Erin enjoys writing, singing, and drawing, and is a member of the band Thrills with fellow Class of ’15 graduate, Camille Willaford.

Friends describe Erin as easy-going, funny, and creative. A self-motivated student, Erin is happiest when spending time with her friends, listening to and finding new music, and shopping.

Erin’s favorite memories of Lakehill were being involved in Musical Theater for all four years of high school and travelling to France and Italy over Spring Break her Junior year. By Piper Munro, eighth grade

Samantha “Sam” Caldwell, who attended Lakehill for four years, was happiest when playing sports with her teammates. Sam was a member of the Varsity Volleyball, Basketball, and Cheerleading teams. Her favorite Lakehill memory was being a part of the undefeated, District-Championship-winning Volleyball team. Sam earned the recognition of being named an Academic All State athlete and First-Team All District in Volleyball. She was also named to the First Team All-State in basketball.

Among her other activities, Sam participated in Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and Sisteens. Her favorite LPS class was government, taught by Mrs. Thorne. She plans to attend the University of Mississippi as a pre-med major in the fall.

Sam, who says her mother is her hero, describes herself as dedicated, funny, and athletic. Lakehill will miss Sam’s positive attitude and great sense of humor. By Lovely Lopez, ninth grade
Cole Ellis

Starting in the fourth grade, Cole Ellis was a Lakehill Warrior for nine years. His athletic honors this year included being named First Team All-District in football, basketball and baseball. Additionally, Cole received an Honorable Mention as All-District Kicker and was named as the First Team All-State Tight End.

Cole's academic accomplishments included being a member of the National Honor Society. He will attend Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi where he will study sports management.

Cole credits his parents as a major inspiration because they have always pushed him to pursue his dreams and to do his best. This determination was best observed when he fought for the extra yard on the football field or enthusiastically cheered on the rest of his teammates. Cole also looks up to Dallas Cowboys’ wide receiver Dez Bryant because of his tenacity and his work ethic.

If he could meet any two people in the world, Cole would like to spend time with President Barack Obama and professional baseball player Michael Young.

Cole will most miss all his great teachers and friends when he leaves Lakehill. | By Eli Buxt, eighth grade

James Girards

For six years James Girards attended Lakehill Preparatory School. He was a member of Science Club. James's favorite subject was physics because he enjoys math and how physics is the application of math to real things. He also thinks physics can be useful in everyday life. It's no surprise that James's favorite teacher was Dr. Kroll, his physics teacher.

James is also interested in computers. He enjoyed AP Computer Science and was the lead computer operator on the inaugural production team for Lakehill's live broadcasts.

James plans to attend college this fall at the University of Texas at Dallas. He will major in Physics and Mechanical Engineering.

In his free time, James likes to play video games and hang out with his friends. His favorite Lakehill memory is playing volleyball after school with his friends during his sophomore year. He will miss his Lakehill teachers the most.

By Greg Gillman, eighth grade

Anna Gonitzke

For three years Anna Gonitzke attended Lakehill. She was president of the Spanish Club, and her favorite subject was science with Dr. Kroll. Anna played on and managed the volleyball team and sung in the chorus for various musicals. She loves creating artwork knowing she has the capability to bring something new to the world from her own perspective. She also enjoys yoga and marathon training.

Anna will begin the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas next fall. She has not yet settled on a major course of study.

Anna has two siblings, a brother, Alex, who is a freshman at Lakehill and a sister who is in her junior year of college. Anna also has two dogs she loves very much named Snaggle and Zia. Her mother is Anna's hero, and Anna says that she wouldn't be the person she is today without her.

Anna's favorite Lakehill memory was her class' senior cleanup day at the ESC with Mr. Perry. After they finished working, the students hiked through the woods and picked a tree for a Class of 2015 plaque. Hanging the plaque was a lot harder then it looked, and everyone had to work together pulling branches to make a clear space. For Anna, this moment showed her that throughout the difficulties, the ups and downs, she and her classmates were able to come together as a unit and accomplish something about which they could be proud.

Anna said she will miss Lakehill because it was her home away from home for three years. She considers herself lucky to have been a part of the LPS community.

Her final advice to a young Warrior is to get involved. "Pursue your dreams no matter what challenges you have to overcome. It's so beneficial to be a part of a community you believe in and that believes in you. Those around you want you to succeed and will help as long as you give effort. Don't cower at the idea of failure." | By Heather Hines, eighth grade
Kiefer Gorena

Kiefer Gorena attended Lakehill Preparatory School for seven years. For the past three years he also worked as Mrs. Ekstrom’s assistant for Community Connections Summer Camp. Kiefer served as a member of the Film Club, French Club, and Robotics Club, and was vice president of Lakehill’s National Honor Society. Kiefer participated in both musical theater and choir for three years in high school. He also played on the tennis and basketball teams. Additionally, he served as Treasurer of both the Senior Class and the National Honor Society. His favorite subject was English, because he loves composition and writing poetry.

He plans to attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee this fall and major in Sociology. Friends would describe him as weird, outgoing, and happy. Kiefer is very skilled at playing the guitar, and he wants to learn how to play piano. His favorite book is *The Long Walk* by Stephen King.

Kiefer’s favorite memory at Lakehill is having his Thanksgiving essay published in *The Dallas Morning News* when he was in the sixth grade. His advice to others is to always be the active and outgoing one. | By Stephanie Davis, eighth grade

Brent Huggins

Brent Huggins attended Lakehill Preparatory School since he was in the ninth grade. His favorite courses were those involving computer science, and Mr. Dunklau was his favorite teacher. “He allowed me to create in my own environment. He really understood me.” Brent also participated in football, debate, musical theater, and the Male Choir.

Brent plans on becoming an engineer when he graduates college. This fall he will attend Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee where he will study Engineering, Music, and Spanish.

His hobbies include singing barbershop quartets, playing the piano, bass guitar, and the mandolin. Brent also enjoys improving his skills through voice and piano lessons.

Brent says that his best experience at Lakehill was participating in musical theater, especially this year when he landed the lead, Albert, in the fall production of *Bye Bye Birdie*.

He will most miss Mr. Dunklau, Coach Peacock, and Mr. Herron. His favorite quote is, “The only people who never fail in life, are the ones who never try,” by Tom Dempsey. Brent’s parting advice to young Warriors out there is, “Try everything you can and get involved. There is nothing you can’t do.” | By Warren Lester, ninth grade

Lauren Huggins

Lauren Huggins arrived at Lakehill for her senior year. She immediately got involved in several activities including Sisteens, Student Council, Science Club, and National Honor Society. Her favorite subject in school was English, where she enjoyed Mr. Hagood’s teaching style and participating in class discussions.

In the fall Lauren will be attending Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi to study Neuropsychology. She would like to become a child psychologist or a neuroscientist who visits orphanages to help children. One day, she would also like to visit Romania to meet her birth parents. Lauren and her twin brother Brent, also in the Lakehill Class of 2015, were adopted from an orphanage in Buzeau, Romania.

Some of Lauren’s hobbies include acting, listening to music, and running. She also likes to hike, go to nature reserves, and play sports. Lauren found inspiration in her classmates and in music. Her favorite musical artists are Florence and the Machine, Banks, Kendrick Lamar, and J. Cole. Her favorite books are *The Iliad*, novels by Judy Blume, and the Harry Potter series.

She was happiest when at school, in a school activity with her friends, or getting good grades on a test. Lauren wishes she could have been better at singing and math. She was most proud of her accomplishments in making the transition to Lakehill.

The best advice Lauren has ever received was to love herself before anyone else. | By Julia Bartholow, eighth grade
Jordan Johnson

Jordan Johnson attended Lakehill from her sophomore year on and always felt welcome. “I learned things at Lakehill that I would have never learned at my old school. The amount of homework we had taught me tolerance and self-control.”

English was Jordan’s favorite school subject. She particularly enjoyed the deep, philosophical conversations and class discussions about the texts they were reading. She enjoyed the subject because she could see her improvement as she wrote more and more. Mr. Jones and Mr. Hagood were her favorite teachers because they made English challenging.

Jordan was involved in many extracurricular activities including musical theater, choir, volleyball, and track. She served as the Vice President of the Pan American Student Forum (PASF). In her free time, Jordan enjoys singing in her church choir and playing club volleyball. She also likes to play piano.

Jordan will be attending Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana where she will major in Music.

Jordan says that the best advice her parents ever gave her was, “There comes a time in every person's life when they have to choose between doing what's right and what's easy.” This helped Jordan stay focused in school and shaped her personality. Her advice to a young Warrior is to get involved, since this is the only way you can become a leader and be more confident in yourself.

Jordan’s advice to underclassmen is to go to tutoring when help is needed and do not procrastinate. Her most memorable moment was going to Houston for the Independent School Association of the Southwest art festival. When she goes to college, Jordan will most miss her family, and the close, family-friend environment at Lakehill.

By Gerard Franklin, ninth grade

Jana Kahn

Jana Kahn attended Lakehill from the eighth through twelfth grades. One of her favorite classes was Sports in Literature and Film with Mr. Hagood. She gained a new perspective on writing and the course gave her more confidence, as well. Mr. Hagood was one of her favorite teachers because he helped students develop their writing skills, made everyone laugh, and empowered students to really think about what they were studying.

Jana was involved in many clubs and organizations, including National Honor Society, Rho Kappa, Pan American Student Forum, Sisteens, Science Club, and Lakehill Ambassadors. Additionally, she served as co-captain of the cheer team, played Varsity volleyball, and was the Vice President of the Senior Class.

Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana is where Jana has chosen to attend college this fall. She has yet to decide a major course of study.

The best advice Jana has ever received is “It’s the little things that make life big.” Her advice for students entering high school is to try everything they want until they find something that satisfies them, and to be sure they don’t allow school to become overwhelming. She recommended, “Find a balance that allows you to work and play.”

Jana’s favorite Lakehill memory is her rivalry with alumna Caroline Boles to see who could capture the worst pictures of the other. She will most miss the community that Lakehill allowed her to be a part of, her friends, and her teachers.

By Autumn Scales, ninth grade

Dana Maynard

Dana Maynard attended Lakehill Preparatory School from kindergarten. Her favorite class was English, and she is an avid reader. In Upper School she participated in Choir, Musical Theater, and Broadcast Production.

Dana plans to major and work in Entertainment Journalism. She has chosen Belmont University in Nashville, Tennessee in order to pursue those dreams.

She idolizes her mother and musician Demi Lovato. Dana’s favorite music genre is pop, and she loves listening to One Direction, Demi Lovato, 5 Seconds of Summer, and Taylor Swift. Lakehill students were treated to her feature “In My Opinion” on the video announcements for the past two years.

When she’s not reading or listening to music, she enjoys going on the internet or playing with her cat. An avid animal lover, Dana enjoys volunteering with animal groups.

Dana said that she will most miss the family-like feeling at Lakehill.

By Laura Wildman, eighth grade
Monty McKnight

Monty McKnight is a Lakehill Lifer having attended LPS since kindergarten. His favorite school subjects were government and world history because he loves to discuss politics. He also enjoyed world literature. Monty was involved in Musical Theater, playing the role of a “greaser” in Lakehill’s 2014 musical production of Bye Bye Birdie. Among his accolades, Monty was awarded the honor of “Outstanding Club Member” during the 2015 state debate conference in Austin. For college, Monty plans to stay close to home. He has chosen The University of Texas at Dallas and will major in Computer Science.

Outside of school, Monty enjoys debating current events and playing video games. He is active at his church, and spending time with his church’s youth group is Monty’s favorite activity.

As a devoted member of Lakehill’s Debate Club, Monty says he will most miss the debate team saying, “Those guys are great!”

By Maya Desai and Georgia Ferguson, eighth grade

Jonathan Motes

Jonathan Motes attended Lakehill Preparatory School for seven years. Computer Science was his favorite class and this is the field he wants to pursue in the future. He also enjoyed English, because he likes reading and discussing the interesting material. His favorite mentor at Lakehill was Madame Badgett because she realizes “that the material she teaches is difficult, but she did her best to push us so we really learned.” When not studying for various AP classes, Jonathan was involved in National Honor Society and the Upper School Debate Club.

In the fall Jonathan will attend Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas where he will major in computer science. He hopes to pursue a career in the game designing industry after college.

His hobbies include playing video games and reading when he has the time. He also enjoys watching Studio Ghibili movies, like Spirited Away and Ponyo. One of his favorite books read while at Lakehill was Flowers for Algernon because he liked the subject and thought it was a fascinating and touching novel. A favorite quote is "truths are illusions of which we have forgotten that they are illusions" by Friedrich Nietzshe.

Jonathan’s greatest memory from Lakehill is getting to visit France with his foreign language class. “I had never been outside of the country, so I really enjoyed getting to see a new part of the world.” He wishes to be remembered by fellow faculty and students as someone who was intelligent and had a sarcastic sense of humor.

By Kate Langley and Elizabeth Motes, eighth grade

Rachel Meyers

Rachel Meyers was at Lakehill Prep for nine years. She was involved in several clubs, including Science Club, Sisteens, Rho Kappa, and the National Honor Society. Rachel served as president of Science Club and Rho Kappa, and she was also the Senior Class Secretary. Her favorite class was Anatomy.

Additionally, Rachel was a member of the Varsity Cheerleading squad, the Varsity Swim team, and the Varsity Softball team, which she enjoyed the most. Rachel had many athletic accomplishments, such as second in state for swimming. Other honors included being named First Team All-District and Offensive Player of the Year in softball. Her favorite Lakehill memory is being able to go on both the Spanish and French trips.

Rachel was accepted into a direct entry Doctor of Physical Therapy program Maryville University in St. Louis, Missouri. This fall she will enter the special accelerated curriculum in which she will earn a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in six and one half years.

Rachel’s advice to younger Warriors is “don’t procrastinate, do your homework, and apply to college on time.” She says, “I feel that Lakehill has prepared me well for college and a post-college career.”

Along with sports, Rachel says she will most miss the “amazing family-like community” at Lakehill.

By Ashley Peacock and Jonathan Kelly, ninth grade
Leonardo Nussenzveig

Leonardo Nussenzveig attended Lakehill from the third through twelfth grades. Among his many activities, Leo was the Vice President of the Film Society and a member of the National Honor Society. He was also a member of the Varsity Tennis team, and competed in the district tournament.

Leo took part in many school activities, as well as hobbies outside of school such as producing music and playing the piano. One of Leo’s favorite Lakehill memories was the Upper School trip to Italy and France. He especially liked the historic monuments and enjoyed bonding with his fellow travelers.

During the summers before his junior and senior years, Leo attended select film programs at both New York University and the University of Southern California. While at those universities he won multiple awards for his photography and his films.

Leo decided to study film and television production at New York University as part of the Kanbar Institute of Film and Television, which is one of the premier film programs in the world.

He thinks that he will miss the elective classes at Lakehill. He said that while the electives were “incredibly challenging,” the hard work definitely paid off in the end and led to many “moments of self-discovery.”

By Lauren Smith-Morris, eighth grade

Jack Pippen

Jack Pippen was a Lakehill Warrior for ten years. He played football for Lakehill as a junior and pitched for the Varsity Baseball team for two years. His fondest memories involve riding back on the bus from sports events with his teammates. Jack’s favorite field trip while at Lakehill was the Upper School Day of Service when he and the entire senior class participated in a day of community service with Reading Partners at a South Dallas elementary school.

During his senior year, Jack’s favorite subject was English with his favorite teacher, Mr. Hagood. He loved the book Hamlet by William Shakespeare. Not surprisingly, he plans to major in Philosophy and English when he attends Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio this fall.

Jack is a dedicated volunteer and has been active in a variety of community service projects. He was a recipient of the President’s Volunteer Service Award and was a local honoree for this year’s Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Jack combined his love of service with his love of travel by working on a special project with his family in Africa. Jack helped collect and distribute books and clothing to the children in a rural school in Namibia, and spent last summer teaching in the school.

Jack says his will most miss the closeness of the Lakehill community when he leaves.

By Montgomery Rotellini and Ben Gillman, eighth grade

Sean Puls

Sean Puls has enjoyed being at Lakehill since the third grade. During that time, Sean contributed to the athletics program by playing baseball and football, receiving Honorable Mention All-District honors as a running back his senior year. He is most proud of never being carted off the field with an injury in a football game.

Sean plans to attend Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio and has not yet decided on a major. However, he is considering ultimately obtaining a law degree.

While at Lakehill Sean’s favorite subject was science. His list of favorite books includes The Life of Pi by Yann Martel, To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee, The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest by Stieg Larsson, and Slumdog Millionaire by Vikas Swarup.

Outside of school, Sean is also very active. His hobbies are gaming, traveling, watching movies, playing sports, and weightlifting. His favorite band is The Pegboard Nerds. Sean's friends describe him as funny, energetic, and sarcastic. The two people he would most like to meet are the Japanese manga artist Eiichiro Oda and video game developer Gabe Newell.

The best counsel Sean has ever received was from his father, Michael, who said, “Everything is a business, no exceptions.”

By Drew Ellis and Ben Palmer, eighth grade
Baustin Shaw

Baustin Shaw attended Lakehill Preparatory School for his entire Upper School career. His favorite subject was philosophy, because he enjoyed exploring unique topics.

The teachers he credits as most influential are Mr. Hagood, Mrs. Badgett, and Ms. Warder, because they always encouraged him to push himself even harder to not just meet but exceed his goals.

He was part of many groups, including President of National Honor Society, Pan American Student Forum (PASE), Debate Club, French Club, Lakehill Ambassadors, World Quest, and Science Club. Baustin played on the Varsity Baseball team and received Honorable Mention as an All-District Linebacker on the Varsity Football team.

Baustin was accepted to several excellent colleges and his final choice was Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He plans to major in Psychology.

At his church, Baustin serves as a member of the youth usher board and media team.

Baustin’s time at Lakehill was an incredible journey culminating in his selection for the honor of being named Mr. Lakehill. He found many things that he enjoyed and met many amazing people. “I wouldn’t choose any other high school to go to.” He said. “I am very glad I came.”

The best advice he has been given is, “The hardest step to do is to get off the couch. So as soon as you do that then you will be on your way... so, long story short, don’t procrastinate.”  

By Madison Cunningham, eighth grade

Camille Willaford

Camille Willaford started Lakehill in the eighth grade. Over the years, her favorite classes were Musical Theater and Art. She enjoyed the time she spent working with Sisteens as co-chair and with the SWAG Club as Vice-President.

Camille plans to pursue her interests in piano, guitar, and painting when she attends Berklee College of Music in Boston, Massachusetts this fall. She will major in Voice and Creative Writing.

Camille’s childhood hero was Julie Andrews; she loved her in movies and enjoyed the way she sang. Camille’s goal is to get a Bachelor’s in music, and then she wants to become a songwriter and performer when she graduates.

One of Camille’s favorite experiences at Lakehill was the Upper School Prom during her junior year. She said that one of the best things about Lakehill is its small class size, because it allows teachers to spend time with each student if necessary. Her advice to younger students is, “Make friends and be nice to everyone, and remember to always be yourself.”

By Connor Alexander, eighth grade

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Need
Existing school infrastructure is dated and requires updating to continue to provide highest level of education to existing student body, provide more opportunities for students, and create new space to allow for natural growth of school.

Use of Proceeds
Renovate 8,000 square feet of existing space and add 16,000 square feet of new space on existing Lakewood / Hillside Campus.

Results
Produce new lab spaces for science, writing, and computer science, as well as an art studio. It will also provide new classrooms, meeting and event rooms, administrative offices, and bathrooms. A dramatic 5,000 square foot inner courtyard will provide outdoor classroom and performance space.
Opening Doors Capital Campaign

**Named Gift Opportunities**

Lakehill Preparatory School welcomes the opportunity to recognize significant contributors to this campaign with a lasting tribute. We will honor these participants by permanently naming new campus additions at the donor’s request as follows:

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*Lakehill will provide visible and lasting recognition of such commitments.*
Sarah Baker was a senior biochemistry major at the University of San Diego this year when she and four other USD students were selected to travel to Mbarara, Uganda to conduct a water quality research project. The students worked alongside six USD faculty members and a past USD Director of the Office of International Nursing. The Uganda Water Quality Research Project began in 2008 as a component of building a children’s hospital to save the lives of thousands of children dying annually from preventable diseases. It has now progressed to an important nationwide project.

When asked about her experience, Sarah said, “This trip was one of the most fulfilling experiences I’ve had at USD. I was able to apply knowledge I’ve learned throughout my liberal arts education and science classes. I also realized that as a scientist it is important to not only conduct scientific research, but to also understand my role in society from a holistic perspective. This is a realization I’ll carry with me throughout my graduate school education and my career in the sciences.”

In pursuit of her career, Sarah’s next big step will be moving to New York City this fall to begin a five to six year Neuroscience PhD program at Rockefeller University. Her goal is to become a medical researcher studying neurological disease. Sarah credits much of her success to the opportunities she received at Lakehill Preparatory School saying, “I would like to encourage younger Warriors to pursue all of the opportunities that they can while at Lakehill. One of the greatest things about being at such a small school with a tight-knit community with continual support was the opportunity to be involved with all sorts of activities including sports, various clubs and organizations, and community service opportunities. This broadened my perspective and by the time I was a student at USD, I was able pursue those things that I already knew I was most passionate about.”
ACADEMICS
Lower School Students Read to Succeed

Twenty-six Lower School students were honored at the Wonderful Wednesday assembly for exemplary reading. Read to Succeed is an exciting program that encourages students in kindergarten through grade four to read for fun. Students were required to complete six hours of recreational reading during the six-week window and record their progress on a special form.

Kindergartners Anniston Barrett, Connor Byrd, Caroline Crum, Rygel Farr, Shelby Shook, Rowan Smith, Josie Terstriep, first graders Jason Dickerson, Bradley Edwards, Alex Gardsbane, Harley Glazer, Ian Johnston, Mason Pedroza, Sadie Salas, Maya Tolia, second graders Katie Crum, Lola Salas, Maeve Smith, third graders Abby Dondis, Aileen Edwards, Olivia Johnston, Kellen Khan, Asa McCaleb, Sydney Nguyen, and fourth graders Taylor Gardsbane and Anna Knickel received a special certificate and a ticket to Six Flags for their efforts.

Fourth Graders EXCEL at Computers

One of the final units of study in fourth grade is learning EXCEL, specifically how to create spreadsheets and utilize formulas. The unit culminates with a project called “The Shopping Spree.” Students are given an imaginary $1,000 to spend at Walmart, with the challenge to spend as close to that amount as possible. They must take into account factors such as quantities and sales tax.

Twelve fourth grade students EXCELLED in the task by spending exactly $1000. Taylor Gardsbane, Angus Gilbreath, Anna Knickel, Jon Paul Maney, James McKinney, Ibraheem Morsy, Maddie Muller, Tristan Osang, Avery Owen, Van Alex Ramey, Hannah Reister, and Aleena Wallace were honored at a Wonderful Wednesday assembly where they each received a Walmart gift card.
ACADEMICS

Middle School Debate Team Receives Honors

Lakehill’s Middle School Debate team participated in the 68th Annual Junior Youth and Government State Conference at the State Capitol in Austin. Representing Lakehill were:

Eighth grade team members Connor Alexander, Eli Buxt, Ben Gillman, Greg Gillman, Ben Palmer, Laura Wildman, and Reed Zimmermann,

Seventh grade team members Claire Maxwell, Niamh McKinney, Jacob Meazle and Jonah Shaw, and

Sixth grade team member Lincoln Turner.

Students competed as mock legislators using the actual State House and Senate Chambers. Each student drafted a bill on a matter of state law and argued for its passage.

To do this effectively, students had to learn procedural rules and how to respond to questions and suggested amendments from delegates. They also learned parliamentary procedure, how to question other delegates, and how to draft pro/con arguments and amendments.

The Lakehill Middle School team was named as one of the Distinguished Delegations for the first time in school history, and Ben Gillman was recognized as Outstanding Delegate for the Lakehill team.

Eighth grade parents Paula Gillman and Heidi Alexander provided excellent leadership as club sponsors this year. "I could not be more proud of these students,” said Gillman. “All but one member started the year with absolutely no experience, yet they demonstrated remarkable perseverance in preparing for this event and it certainly paid off.”

Alexander agreed saying, “It has been immensely gratifying to watch the progress of the team over the last six months!”

16th Annual Mark Twain Day

Rain couldn’t dampen the spirits of those gathered for Lakehill’s sixteenth annual Mark Twain Day, celebrating the culmination of the fifth grade unit of study on The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.

The event offered fourth through sixth grade students the chance to have fun the old-fashioned way: sack races, bobbing for apples, and fence painting. Students competed in a variety of good-natured contests, including watermelon seed spitting, pie eating, and bragging.

Lakehill dad, Peter Goldstein, added an air of authenticity to the event in his role as Mark Twain.

In addition to playing games that kids played more than a hundred years ago, the fifth grade students competed in making miniature rafts and dressing up as the characters from the well-liked book. Top dressers Mercy Horton and Mara Sandberg were honored for the most authentic costume for Becky Thatcher, Kole Cannon and Noah Kohn for Huck Finn, and Hayden Bauer and Ellis Meyer for the most authentic Tom Sawyer. Anna Knickel was also honored for her creative costume as the fence. Spencer Neill took the top prize for the jury-evaluated rafts, with Macy Moskovik, Macy Bogatay, and Hannah Ostermayer rounding out the top four.
New Members for LPS Honor Societies

Thirteen members were inducted into the Warrior Chapter of the NHS, an honorary society for students in grades 10 to 12. Students must have a 3.5 GPA for the previous three semesters to be eligible for membership. The NHS Faculty Council then reviews each eligible student's application for character, service, and positive leadership.

The new inductees were Sofia DeLaCruz, Afton Guedea, Noah Bernstein, Reid Chickering, Claire Crow, Salma El-Feky, Varun Iyer, Matthew Levine, Chambliss Pierson, Charlie Pippen, Abi Price, Lily Turner, and McKinney Waggoner.

Sixteen students were inducted into Lakehill’s Golden Arrow Chapter of NJHS. To be considered, students must have attended Lakehill for at least one year and maintain a 3.3 GPA. Those selected must demonstrate outstanding scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship, and character.


Lakehill’s National Honor Society (NHS) and National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) held a combined Induction Ceremony this spring in the Wylly Auditorium. NHS President Baustin Shaw and NJHS President Lauren Smith-Morris assisted with the presentation. Headmaster Roger Perry offered his appreciation for the efforts members have made throughout the year and the example they set for others.

Upper School Debate Team Distinguishes Itself at State Conference

Eighteen members of the Lakehill Upper School Debate team participated in the State Debate Conference in Austin. Two students participated in the Model United Nations and 16 in the State Affairs Forum. The delegates were also able to schedule a tour of the capitol on their way into Austin.

Lakehill’s Model United Nations team represented Paraguay this year. As a member of the Political and Security Committee, Monty McKnight authored two proposals that were passed before the General Assembly.

In State Affairs Forum Lakehill had five teams representing proposals ranging from fracking to education. Chambliss Pierson, Allison Riemer and McKinney Waggoner’s proposal on the pre-harvest treatment of livestock was the top ranked proposal in committee one.

Additionally, Pierson was recognized as a Distinguished Delegate for her outstanding performance in pro/ con debate. Lakehill was named Distinguished Delegation for the second consecutive year, and Monty McKnight received an award for Outstanding Club Member.
The monster under the bed won’t settle down without a really good bedtime story, but most of Jenny and Penny’s babysitters don’t have the gift, so they have to defeat the monster themselves.

On March 23, Visual Arts Department Chair, Scott Boles, took 20 selected works of art to Waco, Texas for the 2015 TAPPS State Art Championship competition. The pieces were created by Lakehill art students in his drawing, painting, and sculpture classes and Cat Huitt’s ceramics, weaving, and printmaking classes.

Members of the Middle School Drama Club entertained the crowd on February 26 with their performance of The Bedtime Story Contest, an original play written by Lakehill’s Julie Riggs.

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The cast featured the talents of Asher Chamoy, Annabelle Boyle, Ella Berry, and Natalie Hunt as the Rootabaga Family. Johnny Tiernan played the monster under the bed. Hannah Ostermayer was Cousin Winnie while Graysen Walker served as the emcee. Babysitters were Harrison Hunt, Brooke Granado, Macy Bogatay, Sophia Ganson, Grace Addison, Chris Dickey, Mara Sandberg, Ava Cunningham, and Macy Moskovic. The ensemble featured Ashton Abbott-Sharifi, Charlie Borowczak, Nico Montez, Emma Myers, Joey Spiro, and Andrew Ward.

Competing against 31 other 2A schools from the state of Texas, five Lakehill students placed high enough to accumulate 57 points and claim the coveted State Championship title for Lakehill.

Liu claimed awards in five additional events: second and third in Drawing out of 55 entries, second and sixth in Painting with 57 entries, and second in Sculpture with 38 entries.

Lakehill boasted two winners in the Fashion/Jewelry/Textile/Applied Design category. Kaeli Bungar took second and Steven Murff took fourth with their woven yarn rope baskets.

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Performing Arts Celebrate Successful Year

The Upper School Performing Arts Banquet, a wonderful evening of remembrances and awards, was held this spring at Galleri Urbane. A video of short excerpts of student work throughout the year was prepared and shown by Choral Director, Tracy Herron. Honors and awards were presented to students involved in Lakehill Chorale, Drama, Musical Theater, and Thespians.

Eight students were inducted into Troupe 7058 of the International Thespian Society as a result of their exceptional efforts in educational theater arts. Those recognized for their efforts were Salma El-Feky, Reed Henry, Warren Lester, Tillie McCoskey, Chambliss Pierson, Will Skipworth, McKinney Waggoner, and Dylan Welch.

Anna-Maria Springman was awarded the National Honor Thespian Award for having the most cumulative hours of theater participation (both on and off stage) during high school. Charlotte Abate, Noah Bernstein and Chambliss Pierson earned the Honor Thespian award for their hours of participation.

Middle School Brings Mulan Jr. to Life

Lakehill’s seventh and eighth grade musical theater students invited audiences to step into the fantastic world of Mulan, Jr.; Disney’s heartwarming celebration of culture, honor, and the fighting spirit. The musical score included such favorites as “Reflection,” “Honor to Us All,” and “I’ll Make a Man Out of You.”

Filled with spectacular costumes, the musical brought the entire Lakehill community together for family theater at its best.

Julia Bartholow charmed the audience as Mulan, while Alanna Stern entertained as Mushu. Emma Cowser, Georgia Ferguson, Leah Hawthorne, Lauren Smith-Morris, and Montgomery Rotellini were in perfect harmony as Mulan’s ancestors. Jada Silas, Merritt McCaleb, and Zuri Williams gave solid performances as Mulan’s father, mother, and grandmother.

Braden Burt was dashing as Captain Chang, while Jonah Shaw was engaging as Chi Fu. Jason Herron-Loza gave a memorable performance as Shan-Yu. Stephanie Davis, Laura Wildman, and Tyler McCall added a comic element as army recruits Yao, Qian-Po, and Ling. Strong performances from Heather Hines as the Emperor and Ryan Douglas as the Matchmaker rounded out the all-star cast. The hardworking ensemble members showed their versatility, some playing many different characters.

The musical was co-directed by Linda Booth and Tracy Herron. “Mulan is a story of a really strong girl - someone we would like our girls to emulate,” said Booth. “The students worked very hard and did a great job. We are very proud of them.”
Lakehill’s Middle School and Upper School Choirs filled the Wyly Auditorium with the talented voices of sixth through twelfth grade Warriors at the annual Spring Concert this April. In an entertaining variety of performances the program featured the Sixth Grade Music Class, the Allegro Singers, the Man Choir, and the Women’s Choir. The highlight of the evening was the emotional finale of the song I Lived which was performed by all the combined choirs.

April also saw the music and art of Lakehill’s younger Warriors showcased in the much anticipated Lower School Spring Fling. The lively program featured musical selections performed by each Lower School grade. Narration for the evening’s program, which was entitled “Building America through Music,” was done by fourth grade students Olivia Nymeyer, Jon Paul Maney, Oliver Adams, Hayden Bauer, Hannah Reister, Anna Knickel, Avery Owen, Maddie Muller, Ethan Gaertner, Megan Blomquist, Calista Byrd, Tristan Osang, Taylor Gardsbane, and Katie Rich.
Lower School students and parents were treated to an entertaining, and informative, performance of the mini-musical *Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution* by Carmino Ravosa. The cast was Lakehill’s own multitalented fourth grade class. The students prepared the show, which is about the Constitutional Convention of 1787, to coincide with their study of American history. The musicals’ storyline highlights the trials and tribulations of the convention delegates as they worked to create an ordered system of government.

Standout performances in the production at the Charles J. Wyly, Jr. Auditorium included Maddie Muller as George Washington, Angus Gilbreath as James Madison, Ethan Gaertner as Alexander Hamilton, and Anna Knickel as Benjamin Franklin. Soloists included Arthur Cirillo, Taylor Gardsbane, Noah Kohn, Van Alex Ramey, Hayden Bauer, Megan Blomquist, and Katie Rich. The students were under the direction of the Performing Arts Department Chair, Linda Booth.
Lakehill Athletes Claim All-District and All-State Honors

The Varsity Basketball athletes of Lakehill Preparatory School were awarded 11 All-District honors and two All-State honors by the coaches of the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS).

All-District Honorees

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All-State Honorees

Varsity Basketball All-State Athletes

Sam Caldwell was named to the First Team All-State

Charity Abengowe was named to the Second Team All-State.
Ten Lady Warriors Capture Softball All-District Honors

Selected for First Team All-District honors were: Rachel Myers, Kelly Werther, Audrey Castaigne, Sofia de La Cruz, and McKinney Waggoner

Second Team All-District selectees were: Haley York, Ashley Peacock, and Ava Ecklin

Emily Boles and Lovely Lopez received Honorable Mention.

Two Lady Warriors also captured Superlative Awards. Rachel Myers was named the Offensive Player of the Year and Kelley Werther was honored as Defensive Player of the Year.

All-District Varsity Baseball Honors

Seven Warriors were selected for All-District Honors in Baseball. Jack Pippen and Cole Ellis were selected for First Team All-District honors.

Gerard Franklin, Jonathan Kelley, Zac Aron, and Reed Henry made Second Team All-District.

Dylan Welch received All-District Honorable Mention.

Varsity Tennis

Four Lakehill athletes competed in the Tennis State Finals in Waco. Senior Rachel Drazner competed in women’s singles and sophomore Dunny Boch competed in men’s singles. The team of William Skipworth and Cole Ellis played in men’s doubles.

Varsity Track

The Varsity Track team completed their season at the District Meet. Members of this year’s team are: Cameron Vanek (shot put and discus), Dayton Steinbach (100m), Kason Burt (shot put and discus), Nicholas Morvay (shot put and discus), Steven Murff (800m), Autumn Scales (200m), Jakayla Silas (200m), Judy Zhu (800m), Katie McKnight (100m), and Rachel Bloom (200m).

The top finishers in the District Meet were Silas (5th), Scales (7th), and Morvay (8th).

“Everyone improved their time and throws from week to week,” said Coach Sharita Smith. “I am so proud of this team for their hard work, dedication, and commitment. I can’t wait to see what they can do next year.”
At the final General Meeting of the 2014-15 year the PFC President, Tricia McCaleb, hailed the group’s accomplishments and thanked the members, committee chairs and officers for their dedication and service. Throughout the year the PFC enhances the Lakehill experience for all ages, from children to grandparents, by sponsoring and producing programs such as banquets, Grandparents and Grandfriends Day, Graduation, Field Day, Back-to-School Picnic, and the Halloween Carnival.

Additionally, McCaleb announced the PFC’s annual gift to the school, which is a result of the group’s ongoing fundraising efforts throughout the year. This year’s generous gift of $96,639.00 provided the school with funding for technology enhancements, contributions to the capital campaign, auditorium lighting, funding for computers, and a 3-D printer.

The 2014-15 Executive Committee that provided leadership for these accomplishments were:

- President: Tricia McCaleb
- Vice President: Barbara Witherite
- Secretary: Andrea Johnston
- Treasurer: Reham El-Sherazi
- Parliamentarian: Kimberly Reister
- Immediate Past President: Colleen McCall

The new Parent Faculty Club leadership for the 2015-16 academic year was also announced. McCaleb passed the baton to Barb Witherite, who will take over as PFC President.

Members of the 2015-16 Executive Committee are:

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Meet Barbara Witherite  
Parent Faculty Club President

Lakehill’s most important and active support organization, the Parent Faculty Club (PFC), will be led by its new President, Barbara Witherite, for the next two years. Some of Barbara’s other service to our school includes co-chairing the PFC Trek for Tech event for three years from 2011 to 2013, which raised over $100,000 for the school’s technology needs. She also served as PFC Vice President, helped in Lower School with the Halloween Carnival and Back-to-School Picnic, and was frequently a Field Trip Driver. She has been an involved Lakehill parent since her eighth grade daughter, Ella, started Lakehill Prep.

"Ella started in Carey Shaw’s first grade class and Lakehill has been a wonderful fit ever since," Barbara said, describing her warm feelings about the Lakehill experience. "We feel like Lakehill still has a touch of Mayberry RFD – a community where all the kids know each other and all the parents know the kids.

"Your children may still learn lessons the hard way, but someone is always watching over them and is there with either a stern word or a guiding hand to get the kids back on track. Getting in trouble at Lakehill feels much like getting in trouble when we were young – you suffer the consequences, learn from your mistakes, but nothing is fatal. You have room to grow and mature and learn who you really are. The confidence that gives these children is amazing."

Barbara’s strong appreciation of community began in Chandler, Arizona, the small rural town of dairy farms and orchards where she grew up. Her father drilled wells to provide water for the local farms and she still remembers walking through the fruit orchards on the way to catch the bus for school. "We had such a great community in Chandler," she recalled. "Your bike was your freedom and the street lights marked the time to be home for the night."

Her wide-ranging professional career began when Barbara went out on her own after high school as a Cosmetologist in Chandler. That work took her to West Texas and then to Dallas, where she transitioned into the disciplines of Marketing and Account Management. Her career experiences spanned diverse fields and culminated in the telecommunication software industry in which she traveled the world for the MetaSolv Company before "retiring" in 2000 to focus on starting a family.

When asked what brought her family to Lakehill, Barbara said, "Amy and I looked at most of the private schools in Dallas. We knew we needed a good home for Ella throughout all of her pre-college years. None of the other schools we toured made us feel at home. A lot of other schools expressed concern that we would be their first same-sex parents. Lakehill was nothing like that. In fact, no one seemed to notice, much less care, that our daughter had two moms. Lakehill only seemed to care that the school was the right fit for Ella."

For new Lakehill parents Barbara’s advice is, "Enjoy the ride! Your child is going to become this awesome person during their tenure at Lakehill. If you have a question – ask it. If you have a concern – address it. The faculty and staff at Lakehill are always accessible. You couldn’t ask for a better school."