

THE BRUIN



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Members of the Class of 1988, pictured, front row, left to right, are Cindy Taylor Bailey, Jennifer Norville Atkinson, Donald Collomp, Penny Bain Bates, Janna Fite Herbison, Shannon Hay Anderson, and Mark Heron; second row, left to right, Andrea Ross Hall, Tanya Naylor, Dara Johnson Holsinger, and Chris Allison; third row, left to right, Meredith McInnis Hogue, Amy Pearson Griffin, Joe Sharpe, Robert Middleton, and Steve Treadway; fourth row, left to right, Mary Lisa Phillips Gingras, Sam Shellabarger, John New, Frances Stone Hamilton, and Erich Bermel; fifth row, left to right, David McAfee, Eric Peterson, Ed Hunt, and Jeff Speight; and sixth row, left to right, Michael Hodum, Guy Van Dell, Jay Woodall, and Burke Herron.

Reunions, reunions

Three USJ graduating classes held reunions this past fall: The Class of 1998 gathered at the end of August, while the Class of 1988 and the Class of 1986 held their reunions as part of Homecoming 2008 weekend. For more pictures and stories, turn to Page 2.



Frances Kirkland Lawhead, left to right, Ashlie Edwards, Mary Beth Haltom, and Blair Thomson McElroy enjoy their class reunion at Brooksie's last summer. See Page 2.

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"The Bruin" is the newsletter of the USJ Alumni Association, serving alumni and parents of the former Episcopal Day School, former Old Hickory Academy, and University School of Jackson.

The USJ Alumni Association is an active organization with the mission of helping alumni and their parents keep close ties with their alma mater. Activities include this newsletter, alumni gatherings, and Homecoming.

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Class of 1988 first to graduate USJ

The Class of 1988, the first graduating class from USJ after the merger of Episcopal Day School and Old Hickory Academy, celebrated its 20th reunion the weekend of October 24 and 25.

On Friday night, several classmates attended the Alumni BBQ and Homecoming game. After the game, the party moved to Picasso's as classmates enjoyed catching up and visiting with those they hadn't seen in years.

On Saturday, the class had a pizza picnic lunch on campus. The event was attended by alumni, former classmates, former teachers, and families. Joe Patty, former classmate, brought his ice cream truck, Brain Freeze, customized by CMT's Trick My Truck, and treated everyone to free ice cream. The children enjoyed playing on the playground, while

their parents reminisced about their days in school.

That evening, class members gathered for a buffet dinner at the Jackson Country Club. Meredith McInnis Hogue transformed the club into a flashback of the 1980s. After everyone was seated, there was a short program thanking those who helped to organize the reunion, and several awards were given out.

Amy Pearson Griffin gave a heart-felt memorial in memory of George Thomas. The class bought a memorial brick in George's memory that will be placed on the walk in front of the Upper School.

There were classmates who traveled from as far away as California and New York. It was a perfect weekend, and everyone had so much fun.

– Jennifer Norville Atkinson

Class of 1986

The Class of 1986 held a successful 22-year class reunion. Pictured, first row, left to right, are Julie Jones Tunnell, Carol Ann Rolison, and Beth Sharpe Meena; second row, Amy Horton Bunton, Ashley Hall Griffith, Nora Parker Doggett, Amy Blankenship Powell, Beth Warren Turnage, and Sarah Youmans Pucek; and back row, Rolf Hazlehurst, Alana Booker, Missy Fielding Robinson, Cory Tinker, Kevin Cox, Jeff Spain, and Chris Walker.

Plans are being made for the 25th reunion in a few years. For information or to help, contact Sarah Youmans Pucek at kpucek@charter.net.

Class of 1998

The Class of 1998 gathered on August 31 to celebrate its 10-year high school reunion. About 35 alumni and guests met to enjoy a wonderful dinner at Brooksie's Barn. It was a fun time to catch up with those from near and far. Class members are looking forward to gathering again soon! Pictured, at right, are Aaron Chary, Emily Johns Herron, and Andy Smith.

For information on the class of 1998, join the group on Facebook: University School of Jackson Class of 1998. To receive an updated alumni list, you can contact Ashlie Edwards at ashlieedwards@hotmail.com.



Homecoming 2009



It was a great night for football and friends when USJ celebrated Homecoming 2008 on October 24. At left, USJ goes for a field goal. Below left, the new scoreboard shows an exciting 42 to 6 score with less than two minutes left in the game. (The final score was 42-14.)

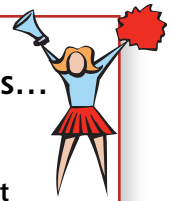


Cheerleaders, above, keep the crowd busy. Alumni attending the game, below, left to right, are Kevin Cox, Chris Walker, Julie Jones Tunnell, Nora Scott Doggett, Sarah Youmans Pucek, Beth Warren Turnage, Jeff Spain, Beth Sharpe Meena, and Ashley Hall Griffith, all members of the Class of 1986.

Other alumni, who returned for the game, included above, back row, Michael Everett ('93) and Allison, Liza, and Benson Hadley ('93), and front row, Marshall ('93) and Arden Barnett, Ashley Louviere Teague ('94) and Trey Teague ('93). Below, left to right, are James Kirkland ('93), Jeff Speight ('88), and Steve Treadway ('88); and Donald Collomp ('88), at lower right.



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Weddings

■ **Alicia Little, Class of 1999**, married Peter Jones of Tallahassee, Florida, on July 18 in a private ceremony in Nashville. She operates her sewing and craft business from her home studio in Nashville. Peter, an arborist, has his own tree company. (alicialittle@hotmail.com)

■ **Katie Fanning, Class of 2000**, plans to marry Jeremy Dixon on January 24 in Birmingham, Alabama. Katie is pursuing her masters degree in nursing to become a nurse practitioner at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is a clinical nurse coordinator in gastrointestinal surgery. The couple will live in Birmingham.

■ **Carrie Ann Smith, Class of 2000**, married Russell Jones on June 28 in Jackson. Carrie is an elementary school teacher. They live in Jackson.

■ **Maggie Diffie, Class of 2001**, married Chase Herndon November 8 in Memphis. Maggie works for The Bank of Jackson. The couple lives in Jackson.

■ **Allie Campbell, Class of 2001**, married Darren Van Michael on July 26 in Jackson. They live in Clarksville, Tennessee.

Alumni news by graduation year

1970-1990

■ **Beth Henley Hale, Class of 1982**, and her husband, Chris, live in Jackson and have been married 20 years. They have two boys: Dylan, 5, and Jake, who was born in 2008. A stay-at-home mom, Beth says she would love to hear from classmates. (tennvolsfan21@bellsouth.net)

■ Our sympathy to the family of **Melissa Arnold Nichols, Class of 1982**, who died of complications from diabetes on July 9. Melissa was essayist for the Class of 1982 and a member of the class Hall of Fame. She is survived by a son, John Wesley Nichols.

1991-1995

■ **Porter Alexander, Class of 1993**, and his wife, Shara, live in Knoxville and have one child, Rosalyn Kate, who was born in May 2006. He is a principal with Alexander Tisdale & Wright LLC. In 2007, the company joined in partnership with LPL Financial, the nation's largest independent broker-dealer. Porter has a bachelor's degree from Tusculum College. (porter@atwllc.com)

■ **Nabanita Chaterjee Nag, Class of 1993**, and her husband, Neil, are the new parents of twin girls. Nilaya and Nayana were born May 31, 2008. The family lives in Maplewood, New Jersey. Nabanita is vice president and assistant general counsel for Goldman Sachs. (nabanitachaterjee@yahoo.com)

■ **Russ Henry, Class of 1993**, and his wife, Christy, have a new baby girl, Addison, who was born June 29, 2008. Russ is a financial professional with AXA Equitable. They live in Macon, Georgia. (russhenry1@yahoo.com)

■ **Kelly Jackson Bailey, Class of 1994**, and her husband, Michael, had a baby girl. Ella Rowan was born October 8, 2008, in Charleston, S.C. Michael is a microbiology/molecular sales specialist for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics, and Kelly is enjoying spending time with their daughter. (kellyjackson76@hotmail.com)



Ella Bailey

1996-2000

■ **Rida Jones, Class of 1996**, can be found on radio station Mix 103.7 in Richmond, Virginia. Her radio name is Madison James, and she is on the air from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays.

■ **Kelli McDaniel, Class of 1997**, is a specialty pharmaceutical sales representative with KV Pharmaceuticals, Ther-Rx. She recently was recognized as one of the top three sales representatives in the company at the national sales meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona.

■ **Ashley Long Hendrix, Class of 1997**, and her husband, Todd, are new parents of a son. Ross Coffman Hendrix was born August 28, 2008, in Birmingham, Alabama. Ashley is regional manager for the South for Veterinary Products Laboratories, and Todd is assistant manager for Vestavia Country Club.

■ **Philip Verdung, Class of 1998**, is a building inspector for the City of Corinth, Mississippi. He and his wife, Pam, have two children: Will and Blaine. (pverdung@yahoo.com)

■ **Joanna Correll Battise, Class of 1998**, and her husband, Capt. Mark S. Battise Jr., have moved to Huachuca City, Arizona, where Mark attends the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course. On return, Mark will serve as the Battalion Intelligence Officer for his unit in the Mississippi National Guard. Joanna has a bachelor of science degree in nursing from Union University. (joanna_correll@yahoo.com)

■ **Captain Jason Weir, Class of 1998**, his wife, Charlotte, and their children, Bane and Bryson, have moved to DuPont, Washington, near Fort Lewis, Washington, Army Base where Jason is stationed. He recently assumed new duties as a staff officer with the 47th Combat Support Hospital. Early in 2009, Jason will begin his second tour of duty in Iraq and expects to be there for 12 months. (jason.rw.weir@us.army.mil)

■ **Ashley Powell Hodges and Cole Hodges**, both members of the **Class of 1999**, welcomed Margaret Caroline "Meg" Hodges into the world on November 24, 2008. They live in Nashville.

■ **Wesley Richardson, Class of 1999**, and his wife, Molly, have a new baby. Sidney was born August 26, 2008. Wesley works for Hub City PBE in Jackson. (wesley.richardson@colormatch.com)

■ **Brennan Berg, Class of 2000**, is working on his doctorate at the University of Texas in Austin. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Memphis. (brennanberg@hotmail.com)

■ **Dan Fuller, Class of 2000**, was promoted to the position of Congressional Field Representative

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More news...

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for Congressman Travis W. Childers (D-Miss.). Dan had served as a field representative for Congressman Childers during his special election victory. It was the first time in American history that a U.S. House of Representative candidate had won four elections in only 63 days, Dan says. Dan has a degree in mass communication from MTSU. He lives in Booneville, Mississippi. (danfullerjr@gmail.com)

2001-2005

■ **Brannon Williams, Class of 2001**, is the manager of First State Finance in Brownsville. (bwilliams@first-state.net)

■ **Trupti Patel, Class of 2001**, and her husband, Hiren, live in Gulfport, Mississippi, where Trupti works at the Woodforest Bank as a retail instore banker. (trupti.b.patel@gmail.com)

■ **Julie Smith Ligon, Class of 2001**, and her husband, Charlie, are both teachers in Tipton County. Both are working on master's degrees in administration and supervision and will complete the program in May. They live in Munford. (juliesligon@gmail.com)

■ **Thad Williams, Class of 2002**, and his wife, Lauren, moved to Seattle where Thad teaches Spanish at Kentridge High School and is pursuing his master's degree in language, literacy, and culture. They have one son, Hayden, who was born in December 2007. Thad has a bachelor of arts in education and a bachelor of arts in Spanish from Union. (thadandlauren@yahoo.com)

■ **Kathryn Glover Miller, Class of 2002**, is expecting her first child, a daughter, in February. Kathryn is a design associate for Charlotte Comer

Interiors Inc. in Dallas. She and her husband, Parke, live in Dallas. (kathryn.eliz.miller@gmail.com)

■ **Clint Sikes, Class of 2004**, is a marketing representative and event planner for ALSAC (fundraising corporation of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital) for the East Tennessee, North and South Carolina, and Georgia areas. Clint, who lives in Knoxville, has a bachelor of science degree in public relations/marketing from the University of Mississippi. (ccsikes@gmail.com)

■ **Ashley Warren, Class of 2004**, works for Smith and Nephew Orthopaedic as a sales associate. She lives in Cordova.

■ **Diana Marie Correll, Class of 2004**, is a Triple Crown Academy Certified professional dog trainer in Jackson. Diana is majoring in business at Bethel College. (lolijoy@hotmail.com)

■ **Lacey Adams, Class of 2005**, is a legal assistant for The Williams Law Firm in Oxford, Mississippi, and a criminal justice major at the University of Mississippi.

2006...

■ **Megan Klipfel and Joanna Suddath, Class of 2006**, were named to the Southern Conference All-Academic Teams for Spring 2008. Both are students at Wofford in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Megan was named to the Academic Team for Cross Country, Women's Indoor Track, and Women's Outdoor Track, and Joanna was named to the All-Academic Volleyball Team. A total of 243 student-athletes in eight sports, representing all 11 Southern Conference institutions, were named to the teams. Wofford had 20 student-athletes honored. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have at least a 3.2

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Weddings

■ **Jessica Webb**, who attended USJ and graduated from a California high school in 2002, married Benjamin Kelsay on August 2 in Knoxville.

■ **Katherine Teague, Class of 2003**, plans to marry Chris Fowler on January 24 in Jackson. Katherine has a master of science in clinical nutrition from the University of Memphis. The couple will live in Nashville.

■ **Megan Rice, Class of 2003**, married Second Lieutenant Robert Latta, USMC, on December 27 in Memphis. Megan is a financial analyst with Saltmarsh Financial Advisors. The couple lives in Pensacola, Florida.

■ **Joseph Dowsley, Class of 2004**, married Sarah McChesney on September 13 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Joseph received a bachelor of arts degree in music from Furman.

■ **Rebecca Williams, Class of 2004**, married Chip Holliday on June 14, 2008. They live in Memphis where Rebecca is an office assistant in marketing for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. She has a bachelor of arts in communications from Union University. (becca518@hotmail.com)

We'd love to hear from you

Use this form to update information about your activities or address.

Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

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Mail this to USJ, Office of Alumni Services, 232 McClellan Rd., Jackson, TN 38305; or fax it to 731-664-5046; or e-mail it to kskelton@usjbruins.org; or fill in the form in the Alumni section of www.usjbruins.org.

Alumni news...

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cumulative grade point average entering the winter season and must have competed in at least one-half of their team's competitions. The 243 athletes averaged a 3.54 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

■ **Holly Osborne, Class of 2008**, below, is a cheerleader at the University of Memphis.



Performers

Four USJ alumni participated in the 2008 "Christmas at Belmont" program.

Will Ayers, Class of 2005, Mark Akin Class of 2006, and Mary Haynes and Kathryn Roach, both members of the Class of 2008, joined other Belmont music students in performing holiday classics at the annual event.



Toni Kee, center, visits with former Head of School Don Coffee and his wife, Pat, at Toni's retirement reception.



Head of School Clay Lilienstern gives Carolyn Epps a gift from the school.

'Goodbye' to two longtime administrators

USJ said "goodbye" to two longtime, valued administrators — Toni Kee, Business Manager, and Carolyn Epps, Director of College Advising — at the end of 2008.

Toni, retiring with 28 years of service, was the school's longest tenured employee. She came to Old Hickory Academy in 1980 to teach business courses, including typing, accounting, economics, business law, and computer applications. She continued to teach when she became business manager of Old Hickory in 1985, but relinquished teaching duties when USJ was formed in 1987 with the merger of Old Hickory Academy and Episcopal Day School.

Toni is the grandmother of two USJ students, Chelsea, a junior, and Chandler, a sixth grader.

Toni's replacement is Jessica Pinkerton, whose title is Financial Services Manager. Jim Hardegree, Dean of Students, has taken on the job of Facilities Manager now that Toni is gone.

Carolyn followed through on her plan to step



Michael and Carolyn Epps



Joyce Higgs and Emily Shipper, above, attend the retirement reception.

down from college advising. Besides her outstanding work in college advising, Carolyn also has served USJ as a member of the Board of Trustees beginning in 1989, as Board Chair from 1993-95, and Interim Head of School in 1994.

She also was one of the principal organizers of the capital campaign to build the current Upper/Middle School in the mid 1990s. Carolyn has been a volunteer at USJ for many other activities. She is the mother of two USJ alumni, Benjamin, Class of 1996, and Leslie Ann, Class of 1998.

Rebecca Lilienstern is the new Director of College Advising. Working with her are Amy Buckley

and Shannon Whisenant.

"We wish both Toni and Carolyn the very best in the future," said Head of School Clay Lilienstern. "I want to express my personal gratitude for their many years of service to the students and families of USJ."

Did you know that www.usjbruins.org is filled with information about USJ? You can send in alumni updates online and even make online donations. Check it out at www.usjbruins.org!

There's been a lot going on at USJ so far this year

Successful sports season

The Bruins definitely left their paw prints (mark) on the athletic field last fall. In football, the Bruins had a decisive 42-14 Homecoming victory over Gibson County and went on to finish the season 9-2, which was their first winning season and playoff appearance as a Class 2A team.

The Southwest Football Officials Association named Coach Mickey Marley 2008 Coach of the Year, while sophomore quarterback, Jake Overbey, was named *The Jackson Sun's* Offensive Player of the Year.

The Lady Bruins soccer team was ranked sixth in Class A-AA. The team advanced to the state tournament for the fifth time in six years, but lost in the state quarterfinals. Senior Elizabeth Crowder was named *The Sun's* Goalkeeper of the Year.

In golf, both the boys and girls teams advanced to state play. The girls team captured the TSSAA Class A-AA state championship. Junior Clay Harbin and senior Catherine Bell, who tied for second overall in the girls state tournament, received *The Sun's* Golfers of the Year honors.

Sophomore Audrey Hazlehurst was named *The Sun's* Female Cross County Runner of the Year for the second year. Audrey dominated the region by winning each meet in which she participated and placing second overall in the TSSAA Class A-AA state Cross Country championship.

Several USJ athletes received All-State honors.

Move to Division II

USJ's Board of Trustees voted to move USJ's athletic teams to TSSAA's Division II (private schools) beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. We are joining a number of other private schools, including Jackson Christian, who are making the same move. The complete list of Division II schools appears on the TSSAA website, tssaa.org.

USJ will play in the West Region as a Class "A" (smaller school) participant.

The impetus for this move was the TSSAA Board of Control's decision to continue the 1.8 enrollment multiplier for Division I private schools, said Head of School Clay Lilienstern. "We had taken a strong position in opposition to this unfair system, which threw USJ into district competition with much larger schools that also have much larger coaching staffs."

The multiplier often placed USJ student-athletes unfairly in competition with these much larger schools and, as a result, and despite the determination and courage of our athletes, our ability to compete successfully diminished, Lilienstern said.

"We want our athletes to participate in programs in which they can reach their highest potential, not necessarily always winning, but learning lessons of sportsmanship, teamwork, determination, and goal-setting. These objectives can only be attained in an atmosphere of fair play that is not so overwhelmingly influenced by an artificial multiplier that unbalances the competitive opportunities for our students."

Fine Arts

The Fine Arts Department already has staged a fall musical, *A Christmas Carol*, which ushered in the Christmas season; performed a Middle School musical, *Willy Wonka Jr.*; and staged several Lower School productions.

The second semester musical is *Crazy for You*. Performances will be at 7:30 p.m. February 26-28 in USJ's Blankenship Theater, 232 McClellan Road.

Academics

In the classroom, USJ continues to be West Tennessee's college-preparatory school. The College Board, for example, recognized 32 AP Scholars. The National Merit Foundation recognized six seniors. Fifty-seven percent of the seventh grade class qualified for the Duke Talent Identification Program.

On May 16, USJ will graduate 72 members of the Class of 2009. Graduation is at 3 p.m. at West Jackson Baptist Church on Oil Well Road.

To stay up on what's happening at USJ, visit our website at www.usjbruins.org.

USJ memorials honor a loved one

A memorial gift to USJ is a nice way to honor the memory of a loved one and support USJ.

Gifts can be given to the Annual Fund or to a particular program at the school. Please send your memorial gift to USJ Development Office, 232 McClellan Road, Jackson, TN 38305.

We will acknowledge your gift with a note to the family, so be sure to give the name and address of the person we should notify of your gift.

The following memorials have been given so far this school year: (The list includes the fund the memorial went to and the person honored.)

■ **Ann Cotner**, to Annual Fund, in memory of **Mike Cotner**.

■ **Mackenzie Cotner**, to Annual Fund, in memory of her dad, **Mike Cotner**.

■ **Ann and Ernest Lawrence**, to Annual Fund, in memory of **Sam Lawrence, Jr.**

■ **Cynthia and James Ross**, to Annual Fund, in memory of **Bradie** and **Mary Ann Ross**.

■ **Debbie and Jesse Ford**, to Lower School Library, in memory of **Elizabeth Butler** and **Marian Sly Bugg**.

■ **USJ Mothers' Club**, to Prayer Garden, in memory of **Gladys Marecek** and **Yvonne Sutherland**.

■ **Holly and Steve Maroney**, to Annual Fund, in memory of **Harold Maroney**.

■ **Vicki and Greg Wilson**, to Lower School Library, in memory of **Marian Sly Bugg**, **Jean Swarens**, and **Yvonne Sutherland**.

■ **Amber Anderson, Cori Rose, Cindy Wyatt, Star Mansfield, Hayley Haynes, Karen Harris, Melanie Merhar, Sara Kazempour, and Jennifer McCormick**, to the Lower School Library, in memory of **Marian Sly Bugg**.



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Classes of 2007, 2008 start 'The Grove'

The Classes of 2007 and 2008 collaborated to use excess funds from their accounts after graduation to fund a project that will have a lasting impact on the USJ campus and on the environment.

The money was used to establish The Grove, with 16 oak and maple trees, on the front lawn of the Upper/Middle School campus just behind the entrance sign. Oaks and maples were selected for their hardiness and for their fall colors.

David Evans of Four Seasons Nursery developed a planting scheme that met the desires of the classes, represented by 2007 Class President George Smith and 2008 Class Vice President Catherine Butler. The plan was submitted to the administration, and it was subsequently approved by the Building and Grounds Committee and the Board of Trustees.



Pictured, above, left to right, front row, are Katie Hayes, Class of 2008; Catherine Butler, 2008; Jordan Stonecipher, 2008; and Carrie Brown Smith, 2007; and second row, J.D. Camp, 2008; George Smith, 2007; and Keith Nord, 2008. Class of 2007 officers not pictured are Rachel Young, Alex Kurth, and Ashika Odhav.

A bronze plaque commemorating The Grove will be placed in the school lobby. Future graduating classes are encouraged to continue the project in support of environmental and landscaping improvements for the school.

Walkway bricks: a lasting honor

The brick project on the walkway in front of the Upper/Middle School honors members of the USJ family.

Each four-inch by eight-inch brick is engraved with an honoree's name and personal message. The \$100 cost includes a mini brick replica of the original.

To order a brick, go to the alumni section of www.usjbruins.org and download an order form. You also can contact the Alumni Office at 731-664-0812.