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Offered more than \$6.5 million in merit aid from colleges and universities, not including TOPS

COMMENCEMENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

National Merit Commended Students: Davis Curry and Nich Beyer National Merit Semifinalist and Presidential Scholar: Clarke Patrone

National Merit Finalists: Tracey Dibbs, Peyton Feuer, Tolson Frantzen, Sam Hebert, Michael Jindia,

Lance Myers, Andrew Malek, Gabe Olivier Bishop and Mrs. Henton Award: Gabe Olivier Tom Olverson Award: Sam Hebert

Faculty Award: Davis Curry Bishop's Medal: Michael Jindia Headmaster's Award: Tracey Dibbs

View all end-of-the-year awards at ESAcadiana.com/Today@ESA.

Below Left: Class of 2017 President Clarke Patrone has been named a Presidential Scholar by the U.S. Department of Education. Of more than 3.5 million high school seniors, 161 students were chosen from across the nation – and only two from Louisiana – as Presidential Scholars, one of the top honors a graduating senior can receive. Clarke traveled this summer with the U.S.-China Student Leaders Exchange, an annual initiative that sends 12 nationally recognized recent American high school graduates to China for a two-week immersion program to learn about the country's successes and challenges.



Right: The ESA faculty chose Tracey Dibbs as the 2017 Headmaster's Award recipient after watching Tracey steer the school as President of the Student Council, lead the tennis team and earn a spot in the State semifinals, and balance academic excellence with service to ESA and to the greater community. Thank you, Tracey!





To find real-life examples of the core values in our school prayer - gentle, generous, truthful, kind, and brave - you need look no further than Headmaster's Award recipient Allison Aucoin (right). One of her teachers describes Allison as "the quiet conscience of the group."

- Dr. Paul Baker



- Bill Smith, music teacher



compassion, it would be Luke Lego." (Valerie Marsalis Cox Award recipient Luke LeGoullon, left)



2016-2017 AWARDS

Top left: Lower School award recipients Anna Breaux - St. Barnabas Award, and Allison Aucoin - Headmaster's Award. Bottom left: Eighth grade award recipients, left to right, Luke LeGoullon - Valerie Marsalis Cox Award, Matthew Romig - 8th Grade Citizenship Award, Aline Malek - Middle School Athlete of the Year, Adam Sabbaghian - Middle School Athlete of the Year, Corbitt Driskell - Martha Annan Cooper Citizenship Award.

Honors awarded to juniors who exhibit habits of scholarship, honor and service: Above - Bottom row, left to right, Ashlyn Driskell - Smith College Book Award, Jacob Camden - Yale Book Award, Abby Langford - Harvard Book Award. Top row, Arib Qureshi - Hendrix College Book Award, Mark Dibbs - Tulane Book Award, Story Frantzen - Renssalaer Medal and Sewanee Book Award.

From the Garden Club to Student Council, Abby leads by example, with a smile, a sense of humor, and an incredible work ethic. Since arriving on campus in the seventh grade, this student has never given less than 100% to ESA.

- Jenny Melanson, social studies teacher

FINDING A RHYTHM AT ESA

Whether it's a song at Coffeehouse, a sixth grade chapel performance, a drumline ensemble at a basketball game, or a musical band number, music teacher Bill Smith plays a supporting role that gives his students the confidence to perform at their best. With a career that has taken him around the country and across the world to perform, write and record, Bill has discovered that ESA is a fulfilling place to settle down.

Originally from southeastern Ohio, Bill studied music therapy at Tennessee Tech before changing course and moving to Asheville, North Carolina, where he earned a B.A. in jazz performance from Brevard College. While in North Carolina, he taught African drumming, instructed drumlines and directed percussion ensembles for middle and high school students as an adjunct teacher.

In 2005, Bill moved to Los Angeles, where he served as a middle school band director, taught music privately at the Rock School of Los Angeles, and played professionally. As a percussionist, he recorded with Peter Rowan, Alex Ebert, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, and others. As the drummer and one of the lead singers of Truth & Salvage Co., Bill toured with The Black Crowes, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Steve Miller Band, The Avett Brothers and The Lumineers. His band traveled to Iraq to play for U.S. troops stationed there.



Bill's music career took him to Nashville in 2012. where he played music and wrote songs for various artists. Some of his songs have been featured on the CMT website's up-and-coming artists page.

In 2014, Bill moved to Lafayette with his wife Monti - a Carencro native - and daughter Charlie. He found a home at ESA, and has spent the past two school years shaping the Cade campus music program. While he plays guitar and piano, Bill is primarily a percussionist. He uses instruments such as the drums, marimba and xylophone to engage the students quickly. In teaching rhythm, melody and harmony – the basic elements of music – Bill says learning is instantaneous with percussion instruments. He encourages students to play all of the instruments in his classroom, and continually adds to the collection. This year he is bringing in additional ukuleles as a predecessor to guitar. continued on page 8



The Cade campus music curriculum begins in middle school with short quarter-long courses in sixth and seventh grade and Music I in eighth grade. Students study the history of popular music, from the beginning of the 20th century to today. They examine modern songs for the basic elements and relate them to the music history they've studied. The students present songs to the class as options, and eventually the group chooses one to perform, usually in chapel. (View videos of some of the performances at vimeo. com/esacadiana.)

In upper school, students enroll in either beginning or advanced Music II. "I see music as an outlet to help students with academics without making it too academic itself. It feeds their passions," Bill says. At the same time, there are certain things he won't overlook – like reading music, something he has worked on with his upper school musicians. He has seen the students grow as live musicians as well, and works with them on stage presence, understanding their instruments and communicating together on stage.

With the exception of Sean Morrow, '17, who is attending Berklee School of Music, the advanced musicians will all be back on the ESA stage this fall. Bill has enjoyed seeing them take their instruments more seriously and find success beyond Cade.

At the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest music festival in Oklahoma last spring, ESA's rock band impressed the stage managers, who told Bill ESA had one of the best bands they've seen in a long time.



Thanks to the Nails family, owners of Dockside Studios, middle and upper schoolers are learning what it takes to be studio musicians as well as live performers. A highlight of the program, the Dockside sessions have immersed the students in an environment that has seen an incredible range of talented musicians. "My goal with the recording sessions is to teach them work ethic, professionality and what goes into being a studio musician," Bill explains. (Listen to recordings from the sessions at ESAcadiana.com/Music.)

ESA's Rock Band ISAS Festival 2017

Left to right:

Paniel Magann, guitar and vocals

Ben Gomez, guitar and vocals

Ashlyn Driskell, vocals

Arib Qureshi, bass

Sean Morrow, drums (hidden)

Pablo Pellerin, guitar

Nich Beyer, guitar (hidden)

Charlotte Leavitt, vocals

Alec Sabatier, keyboard

Dylan Nails, guitar and vocals



Where studio recording is familiar to Bill, some of the aspects of musical theater are not. He had experience as an instrumentalist in theatrical productions, but not in acting or directing. Yet his work with Performing Arts Chair Kat Movassaghi on the school's musical productions has deepened the music theatre experience, and Bill has managed to quickly make a mark on the program. For the first time in ESA history, a full student band performed the music for last year's musical production, *The Wedding Singer*.

Another expansion – a drumline – adds spirit and noise to basketball games and pep rallies. The group traveled to the Smoothie King Center in New Orleans to support the Falcons last year. A session of drumline camp during ESA Summer brought together some of last year's drummers with new musicians hoping to join in.

There's no doubt ESA Music is thriving under Bill's influence. At the same time, Bill sees the program as a great fit for this stage in his career. "I get to share my experiences and what I know. I get as much satisfaction from watching my kids play as I did playing myself."



As soon as we opened the doors to the new Lafayette Campus Enrichment Center in January, students and teachers began putting the space to use:

- Dr. Baker (above) welcomed guests for Grandparents Day.
- ESA artists displayed their creations for the Lower School Arts Showcase (right).
- Upper School Garden Club members coordinated a hunger banquet for fourth graders (top left) to educate them about poverty, food scarcity and what it feels like when some have and some don't.
- Fifth graders (top right) dissected sheep hearts in the science lab with the help of ESA parents Dr. Chris Lawrence and Dr. Phil Gachassin.



- For the Lower School musical, *Annie, Jr.*, (middle row left), dedicated space in the EC made everything from rehearsals to set design easier.
- The large chapel space (center) provides a home for presentations by students, teachers and guests. Each month we celebrate the Eucharist with area priests, such as The Rev. John Bedingfield (bottom right).
- Fourth graders performed *La belle et la bête* in the French classroom (middle right) for parents and guests.
- In the library (bottom left), the Sense of Our Place enrichment cluster interviewed Dr. Baker about the history of the LAFCO Boats building and the decisions that went into creating the EC.











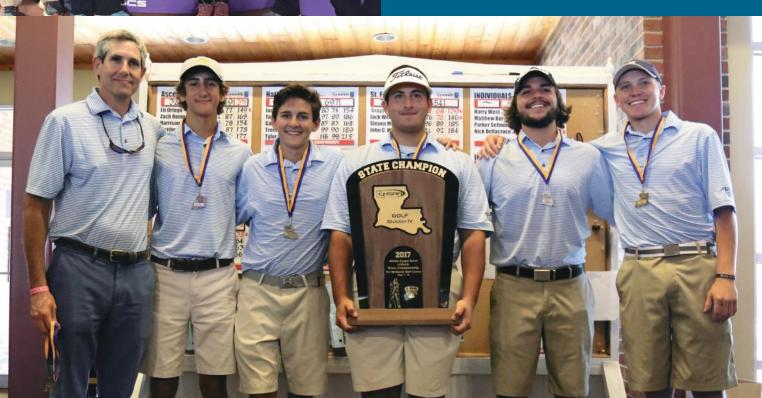




A REPEAT AND A THREE-PEAT!

Five ESA athletes scored 111 points to win the 2017 Class B Girls' Track & Field State Championship - ESA's second in a row! Results include: Samantha Withers, 1st, 800m, 1st, 1600m, 2nd, 3200m; Aline Malek, 2nd, 1600m, 1st, 3200m; Breigh Rodriguez, 2nd, 800m; Hailie Williams, 4th, 100m hurdles, 2nd, 300m hurdles, 3rd, high jump; Kailie Williams, 1st, 100m, 2nd, 200m, 1st, 400m; 4x400m relay (Sam, Kailie, Aline and Breigh), 1st.

ESA Golf won the Division IV State Championship for the third consecutive year! Oliver Nickel, who shot rounds of 73 and 71, placed 3rd in the tournament. Earning the 2017 victory were (from left) Coach Stephen Nickel, Oliver, Ethan Thibodeaux, Jacob Billeaud, Alex Billeaud and Ben Adams. Congratulations, Falcons!

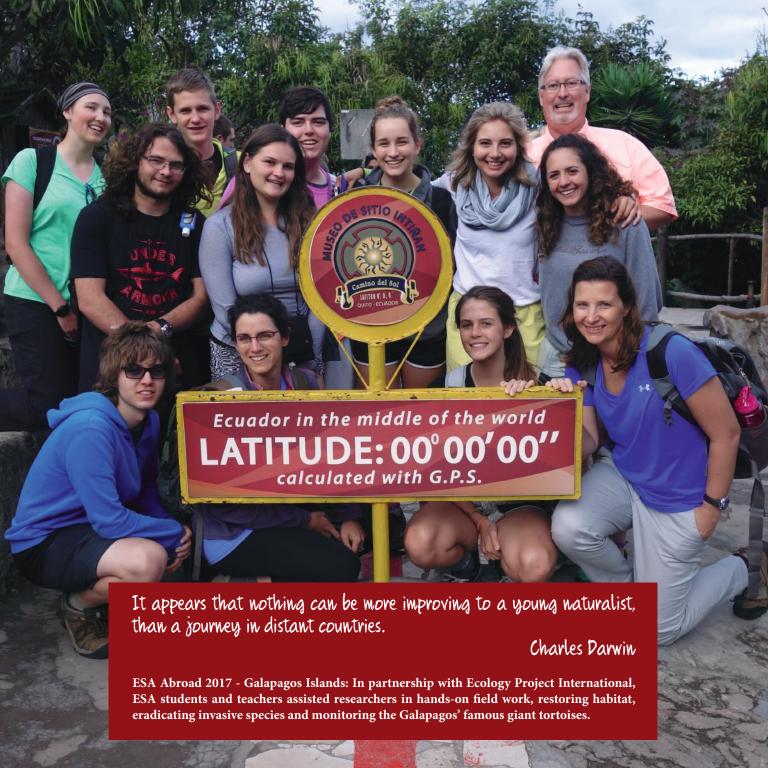




Mason Shuffler, '17, top left, and Cole McKay, '17, right, played both Baseball and Basketball in 2016-2017. Mason is an All-District and All-State Pitcher and was invited to play in the 2017 All-Star game. Four-year starters in Basketball, both Cole and Mason scored over 1,000 points in their senior year. Cole was named to the All-District, All-Teche and All-Acadiana teams and received Honorable Mention on the All-State team.

Samantha Withers, '19, top right, won her second individual cross country state championship, and led the Falcons to championships in Cross Country and Track & Field. As a starter on the Girls' Soccer team, she helped the team reach the second round of the playoffs.





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Jacob Robichaux and his Union Square gallery Gordon Robichaux received a rave review from the *New York Times* for a curated show of work by American artist Ken Tisa held in April.

1999

Congratulations to Shome Dasgupta, whose collection of short stories, *Anklet and Other Stories*, was published in May!

2001

Catharine Pyenson is a licensed architect with Elmslie Osler Architects in New York.

2002

Graham Laborde was named one of nine finalists in the CultureMap Tastemaker Awards Houston Chef of the Year competition last April. Graham, who graduated from Johnson and Wales school in Rhode Island, is operations chef for Killen's restaurant group.

Christiaan Mader is acquiring and relaunching *The Current*, a journal of Lafayette's arts and ideas and the cultural changes that will carry the town into the future. Find the journal online at thecurrentla. com.

2003

Jennings Goza works for Pricewaterhouse-Coopers in Chicago, where he is a manager in the Credit Risk Management team within the Financial Services Risk & Regulatory practice.

Matthew Kennedy and his wife Tara recently opened 9Round, a kickboxing fitness training facility in Lafayette.

Sister Malia Grace Reed (Ali Reed) is a religious Sister and teacher in Virginia. She made her final vows as a Sister this summer.



Lex Pierre, '09, (top left) graduated from LSU School of Dentistry in May. Congratulations, Dr. Pierre!

Larry Simon, M.D., '95, (bottom left) has been honored with Baylor College of Medicine's Young Alumnus Award, a prestigious award given for excellence in achievement and service before age 45. Larry completed medical school and a residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Baylor. After residency, he completed a fellowship in Pediatric Otolaryngology at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego, California, and served as a clinical fellow and instructor at the University of California-San Diego. He received numerous research awards from the American Society of Pediatric Otolaryngology and the Society for Ear Nose and Throat Advances in Children. After his fellowship, Larry joined the faculty of the LSU Health Sciences Center at Children's Hospital of New Orleans in 2010, where he served as Co-Director of Pediatric Otolaryngology. In January 2014, Larry joined Hebert Medical Group and practices General and Pediatric Otolaryngology with offices in Lafayette, Eunice and Jennings.

Alisha Davlin, '92, (far left in photo at right) held a workshop in Cade in August for 14 seniors preparing to write college essays. Alisha earned an M.Ed from Klingenstein Center at Teachers College, Columbia University, an MFA in Creative Writing from New York University, and a B.A. in English from Tulane University. A published writer and editor, she has worked as a Creative Writing instructor at NYU and as a College Writing professor at Lafayette College. Alisha taught high school English at the Pingry School for eight years. She is currently an outside college essay reader for a highly selective university. Alisha, thanks for sharing your expertise with ESA students!

2004

Alex McVeagh has been appointed special judge for Hamilton County General Sessions Court in Tennessee. Alex has been a litigation attorney at Chambliss Law Firm since 2013 and has practiced both civil and criminal law in Hamilton County General Sessions Court, as well as state and federal courts in both Tennessee and Georgia and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He earned a law degree from Vanderbilt Law School and a bachelor of science in economics and political science from Vanderbilt University. He

previously served as head research analyst and law clerk with the Tennessee Senate Judiciary Committee and as a research analyst and legislative liaison with the Tennessee District Public Defenders Conference.

2005

Cameron Simmons graduated from Carolinas Medical Center's family medicine residency program, passed his Family Medicine Boards, and is in St Louis for a fellowship in Hospice and Palliative Care.

2006

Lillian Guidry is working at an investment bank called TM Capital in Boston. She and fiancé Andrew Tsinikas plan to marry in New Orleans in April.

2007

Chris Savoy has returned to New Iberia to take over the dentistry practice of past ESA parent Dr. Ken Brown, father of Aaron, '08 and Trey, '07. Chris has a BS in chemistry from Tulane. He attended the LSU School of Dentistry in New Orleans, and recently completed residency there. At graduation, he received the Pediatric Outreach Award



for Outstanding Service for the six mission trips he and his wife Meaghan McCarron Savoy, '08, made to the Dominican Republic to provide dental care in rural villages.

2008

Meaghan McCarron Savoy is teaching English at the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Dean Guidry works in Baton Rouge as an Environmental Scientist for CBNI.

Mya Hartley graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Chemical Engineering in 2014. She entered the Master's Fellowship Program offered by Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico, and completed an MS in Materials Science at Stanford University in 2016. She works as a Ferroelectric Materials Product Engineer at Sandia/NM. Mya and her husband recently bought their first home.

2009

Amber Washington has enrolled in The Harold Ramis Film School based at The Second City in Chicago. It is the only film school in the world focused entirely on comedy.

2010

Cyone Batiste served as Marketing & Community Engagement Manager for last year's Final Four in Phoenix.

2011

David Greco graduated with a Masters of Energy Management from Tulane University, and earned the Dean's Award. David has moved to Philadelphia to work as a Supply & Trade Analyst for Sunoco.

Saul Pickett operates Magnetic Arts and Analog Recording, a Lafayette studio dedicated to using authentic methods and refurbished equipment to track records.

2012

Karl Ashkar is a member of the UL-Lafayette team that won first place in the Chem-E-Car competition in Tennessee last spring. Teams are required to build a small car that can run off of a chemical reaction and stop using a chemical reaction.

2013

Sarah Andry and her team shot her Senior Thesis film in New Orleans last spring. It was Sarah's final project in the film program at NYU, and the largest project she has tackled. Sarah served as both writer and director of the film.

Anna Buttaci received her white coat and is a member of the University of Virginia Medical School Class of 2021.

Micah Nicholas is the new Director of the New Iberia Boys & Girls Club.



ESA Quiz Bowl hosted a Triva Night in March to support the team's trip to Nationals in Chicago. The event, held in the Henton Chapel, featured team themes, costumes, props and fierce competition. Top honors went to the alumni team of Rizwan Merchant, '06, (left), Scott Broussard, '05, (being held), Jason Galewski, '07, (doing the holding) and friends. Quiz Bowl's next Trivia Night will be March 10, 2018. Recruit for your teams now! Registration information to come.



LEGACY GRADS: Congratulations to our latest two-generation alumni families: Brent and Mandi Pooler, '92, with Everett, Kohlie Frantzen, '87, with Tolson, George Plauché, '87, with Simone, and Court Ramsay, '83, with Elsa. With this group, ESA now has 12 legacy graduates!

2016

Jay Tetnowski starred in UL-Lafayette's spring production of *Sweeney Todd*.

Sarah Pierre is a freshman at Alcorn State, where she received the 2016-2017 Female Sportsmanship Award, was appointed Senator for the Class of 2020, was inducted into the Leadership Honor Society, played the lead in a theater production, was named a 2016-2017 Scholar Athlete, and was recognized by Alcorn State as one of 31 student athletes with a 4.0 average for the spring semester.



Left: Abigail Feinberg Rodriguez, '09, and her husband David visited ESA before leaving for Belgium, where Abigail is entering a two-year program at Lassaad, a theatre conservatory in Brussels. She and David, who have been married for six months, will also work in film production while overseas.

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