



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF ACADIANA



Gratitude Report 2024-2025



This fall math teacher Britni Brown, English teacher Cece Dupré, social studies teacher Jenny Melanson, '03, and English department chair Dr. Missy Gates moved into the first two new middle school classroom buildings and welcomed their students, advisees, and colleagues to enjoy the spaces with them.

On the cover: Ceramic sculpture by Kellen Giglio, '28. Kellen's piece, depicting the Henton Chapel on the Cade campus, was created for an exercise in portraying transitions. In this brief exercise, teacher Amie Rogers challenged her students to practice transitioning between materials. Kellen chose the juxtaposition of the campuses' natural elements with the solidity of the chapel doors.



If you have not been receiving our emails about the head of school search, please fill out our contact update form. Find the form and all previous updates, as well as a letter from Dr. Baker, at the QR code below.

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Message from Our Board Chair

Dear Friends,

Last fall, Dr. Paul Baker—our Head of School for thirteen years and a treasured member of the ESA family for three decades—announced to the Board of Trustees his intention to retire in June 2026. This moment sparked both celebration of his remarkable legacy and thoughtful preparation for our school's continued excellence.

Dr. Baker's leadership has been truly transformational. Under his visionary guidance, ESA has risen to prominence among Louisiana's finest educational institutions while fostering a culture of excellence that permeates every aspect of school life. He has strengthened our academic programs, deepened our commitment to character development, and positioned us superbly for future opportunities. His enduring influence will continue shaping ESA for generations to come.

Recognizing the significance of this transition, the Board of Trustees has approached the search process with the same care and intentionality that characterizes our educational mission. We formed a dedicated search committee and partnered with RG175, a distinguished firm specializing in educational leadership placement. Tom Olverson guided our efforts, bringing both extensive experience in leadership searches and intimate knowledge of ESA's unique character and mission. His deep connection to our school's foundational years and instrumental role in establishing our current standard of excellence made him the ideal partner in identifying our next leader.

The response to our search has been both gratifying and affirming. We received applications from accomplished educators nationwide—a testament to ESA's sterling reputation and our continued ability to attract exceptional leadership. This summer, we welcomed seven outstanding candidates to campus, where they experienced our community's warmth and educational vitality firsthand. Following these visits, we invited two exceptional candidates for more comprehensive engagements early this fall.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Annie Spell, who chaired our search committee with wisdom and dedication, and to every committee member who devoted countless hours of thoughtful deliberation to this vital endeavor. Their commitment to ESA's future embodies the spirit of service that makes our community extraordinary.

I am delighted to announce that Nowell Hesse will join Episcopal School of Acadiana as our next Head of School, beginning July 1, 2026. Throughout our search, we sought a leader who would honor Dr. Baker's strong foundation while embodying the values that define our community: love, courage, and intellectual rigor. In Nowell, we have found someone whose character, experience, and educational philosophy align beautifully with ESA's mission and aspirations. We look forward to sharing more about Nowell as the year unfolds.

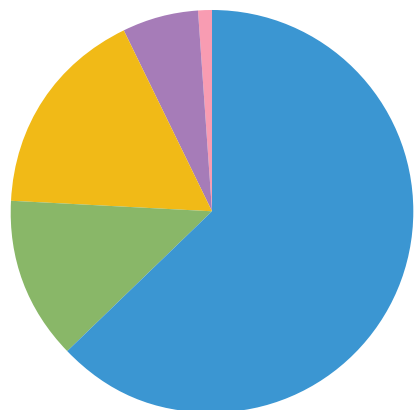
With gratitude and anticipation,



Dr. Lon Baronne, '00
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Parents of Alumni	6%
Faculty/Staff	75%

ESA 2024-2025 Comprehensive Campaign

ESA publicly launched a Comprehensive Campaign on October 23, 2024, that combined our Annual Fund appeal with a Capital Campaign to build new classrooms for the Cade campus. The Board of Trustees and the Campaign Committee had been working quietly behind the scenes for approximately eighteen months to secure 75% of the \$6M goal. To date, we have raised \$5.26 million in cash and pledges. The first two classroom buildings have been completed, and four teachers moved in this summer. Construction on the final two middle school buildings will begin this fall. Then it's on to the upper school!

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On Grandparents Day in March, we dedicated the Ramsay Enrichment Center in honor of ESA founding trustee, past parent, and past grandparent Dwight S. “Bo” Ramsay. Mr. Ramsay helped establish ESA over 45 years ago and remained one of the driving forces behind the school for the rest of his life. “One of the things I loved about Bo,” says Dr. Paul Baker, “is that he understood what it takes to better education – a talented and qualified faculty and the support of the parents. And he meant support on every level, support of the program, the mission, vision and values of ESA, as well as the financial support that the school depends on.” Mr. Ramsay understood the power of the Lower School Enrichment Center filled with the “specials” classrooms: Art, Music, Science, the IDEA Lab, the Library and the Chapel, and he understood the impact the building would have once it was completed.

“We established this building as the fulfillment of a dream of what the school was set up for, excellence in education, for our children from PreK into the 5th grade, the most formative years of childhood development.”

— Dwight S. “Bo” Ramsay

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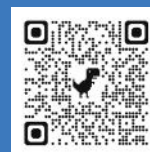
Through the journey to independence, ESA students become self-sufficient, resourceful, and curious learners. Many of our upperclassmen embrace the opportunity to explore their interests through independent studies and individualized research projects. Here are a few examples.



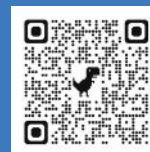
ESA juniors showcased graduate-level research and writing at the 2025 Social Studies Research Conference, held in the UL Lafayette student union in January. This conference is an annual tradition and a landmark for ESA students in their academic journey. Over the course of nearly six months, students design, research, and develop an independent historical project on a topic of their choosing in U.S. History. The presentations at this conference are the culmination of that work and proof to any college that they are more than capable of seeing a large task of high academic merit to completion. Social studies teacher Rex Jones and department chair Bill Wood invited some of the leading historians in our area to read the students' papers, review their posters, and moderate the panels in which the students described their research. Three students received recognition for exceptional work: Bella Bourque received the Peggy L Ducote Award for her use of archival and primary material, and Grace Schwarz was given Honorable Mention and Jiya Lodha achieved first place in the ESA award for Excellence in Historical Writing.



A new course in 2045-2025, Chemistry II Honors, taught by Kat Faul Boustany, '12, gave seniors the chance to engage in hands-on explorations of chemistry principles. Through the keystone project, students conducted independent research, worked with professional mentors to refine their hypotheses, and revealed their findings in formal presentations for their mentors and classmates. Find our Fly on the Wall video about the projects at this QR code.



"Night Flight," a short film produced by Roman Moroux, '25, placed first in both the LSU School of Art's 9th Statewide Juried High School Exhibition and the UL Rally Art Exhibition. Find it on Vimeo at this QR code.

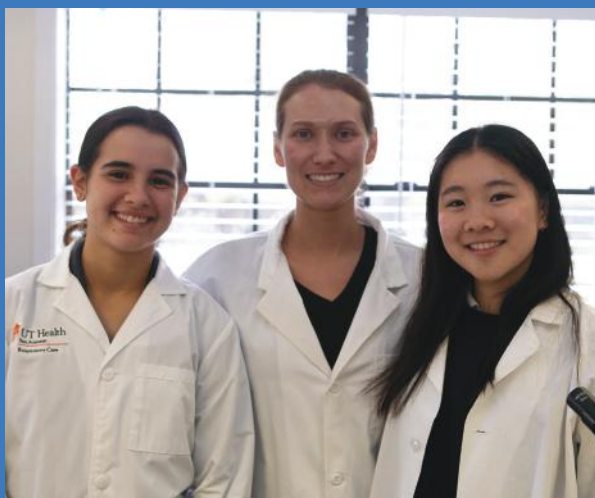




In her independent study, “Alligator Management and Ecology Surrounding Avery Island, Louisiana: Revisiting E.A. McIlhenny’s Observations: The Alligator’s Life History,” Scarlett Osborn, ’25, highlighted the intersection of ecology, economics, land management, biology, and history, as well as her own enthusiasm for environmental science and her pride in her legacy.

Here’s how Scarlett describes her project: “Mentored by science department chair Ms. Christina Hidalgo and coastal wetlands expert, Mr. Mark Shirley, my study traces the evolution of my great, great grandfather E.A. McIlhenny’s alligator observations and management around Avery Island at the start of the 20th century into today’s multi-million dollar industry, using his 1935 book as a historical foundation. It integrates alligator harvest data from Avery Island (2012–2024) with nest mapping, vegetation analysis, and field observations, supported by interviews with wildlife managers, policy experts, and alligator farmers. By examining ecological and economic trends, the research offers insights into the industry’s current impact and the future of alligator populations in the region... Around the island in the marsh where both E.A. and I spent time growing up, this study was also my own personal journey, one in which the bayou connects my inner and outer worlds, connects me to my family, and to this unique landscape where I originate from.”

This summer, an article about Scarlett’s research appeared in the Crocodile Specialist Group newsletter, and she received interest and made professional contacts with scholars as far away as Ireland.



Siyeon Joo (right) and Grace Pellegrin (left), both Class of 2025, collaborated on research to study the toxic effects of microgravity on cyanobacteria. In December 2024, the two traveled to the American Society of Gravitational and Space Research Conference in Puerto Rico with ESA biology teacher Brittany Grissom (center) to present their work. Due to the outstanding research and data-driven experimentation highlighted in their presentation at the ASGSR conference, their work was accepted into the MIT THINK Scholars Program—an honor granted to only ½% of applicants. As part of this exceptional opportunity, Siyeon and Grace were paired with MIT mentors throughout the spring semester, culminating in a capstone presentation. Grace and Siyeon are the first students from Louisiana to participate in this esteemed program.

In the regional competition of the prestigious Regeneron International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) held at UL Lafayette in March, Siyeon was honored with first place in the Biomedical and Health Sciences category, first place overall out of 52 science projects, and the Regeneron Biomedical Science Award, which comes with a \$375 stipend. The ISEF

honors are based on research Siyeon completed in the summer of 2024 at the University of Chicago. One of seven students to study cancer biology, Siyeon received a stipend to work with the dry lab’s principal investigator and mentors. She spent her days coding and analyzing data to determine whether smoking increases the chances of developing cancer. Siyeon organized her results into a poster and presentation that impressed the ISEF team, and its members invited her to compete at the international fair in Columbus, Ohio, in May with over 2,000 high school students from around the world.

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ESA's seventh graders were among the first students to learn from the specialists at Moncus Park, the versatile community space located on the land previously occupied by UL's horse farm. Last spring, the students explored the iris beds as the park's scientists explained how pollination occurs. They then toured the woodlands and learned about the trees, shrubs, and other plants of the native ecosystem and the sustainable practices the park uses to maintain the area. On the same day, the students spent time in service at Second Harvest Food Bank to help with packaging food for pick-up by members of the Acadiana community. Both visits connected to elements in the seventh grade curriculum, including the physiological need for nutrients found in every living organism.

The ESA Board of Trustees honored founding Lower School faculty member Deb Cochran with the 2025 Trustee Award. Ms. Deb retired in May after 21 years of sharing her love for math with ESA students. In addition to creating the lower school math curriculum and introducing scholars to the wonders of unit origami, she shared her enthusiasm for experiential learning through the fifth grade trip to the Teton Science Schools in Wyoming. In 2024, the TTS staff recognized Ms. Deb for the contributions she has made in the 15 years she has participated in the program. In honor of Ms. Deb, a new award has been added to the Lower School Closing Ceremony. The Deb Cochran Math Enthusiast Award is presented to a fifth-grade student who approaches math with curiosity, enthusiasm, and a love for learning. The first Deb Cochran Math Enthusiast Award went to Vivianne Green!

"Ms. Deb is more than a math teacher. She is an encourager of scholars. She is a motivator of thinkers. She is a cultivator of creatives. She is a model of kindness and respect. She is the best, and I'm so fortunate my girls learned many life lessons from her."

— ESA parent Danielle Cromwell





Upper school social studies teacher Rex Jones has been named the 2025 Louisiana History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History! Mr. Jones teaches Civics, AP U.S. History, AP U.S. Government & Politics, and AP Comparative Government & Politics to ESA juniors and seniors. Since arriving at ESA in 2023, he has helped to elevate the Social Studies Conference to a showcase of exceptional student work. Mr. Jones has revived the long-dormant ESA Speech & Debate team, and accompanied two students to Nationals.

“Mr. Jones is so invested and genuinely interested in what he teaches that it makes it more fun to learn the subject matter,” said a member of the Class of 2025. Read more from Mr. Jones in our Q&A and watch our Fly on the Wall video about an immersive project in AP U.S. History, both at the QR code below.



After 35 years in the classroom, including 25 years teaching math to ESA upper school students, Lisa Boyer retired in May. “Beloved by her students, Mrs. Boyer is known for her caring yet no nonsense approach to teaching,” says math department chair Dr. Stuart Cornwell. “She created a classroom climate where learning was the priority.”

Mrs. Boyer also coached tennis and served as the team’s communications director. “Mrs. Boyer was one of our most dependable colleagues in addition to being an excellent math teacher,” says upper school head Dr. Kat Movassaghi. “She always did what was best for the school and for the child. I will miss her stable and solid presence as a professional and as someone whom I have always admired and looked up to.”



The middle school MATHCOUNTS team of Ollie Massey, Arnav Kumar, Emersen Chen, and Nora Whitman placed second in the state competition in March. Seventh grader Emersen Chen (third from right) placed third individually, an incredible achievement that earned him a spot in the national competition in Washington, DC in May!

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Named for Bishop Willis R. Henton, first bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana and Chaplain Emeritus of ESA and his wife, Mrs. Martha Henton, the Henton Society recognizes the most loyal supporters of ESA. The Hentons were devoted financial supporters of the school from its start. This year, we are recognizing donors who have supported ESA in any capacity, (not just Annual Fund) for three or more consecutive years. Faithful support of the school, especially Annual Fund, is a hallmark of the strength of our community.

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Young Falcon Society

The Young Falcon Society recognizes alumni 35 years of age and younger who make a gift of \$250 or more to the Annual Fund or restricted funds. As members of the Young Falcon Society, these young alumni are recognized as leadership donors.

Carly Boudreaux, '10
Hayley Brashier, '12
Luke Bravo, '16
Alex Breaux, '08
Lily Cormier, '12
Alicia Dietzen-Tawil, '08
Alex Elkins, '10

Fallon Foti Kallenberger, '09
Daniel Frugé, '08
Samual Hebert, '17
Adam Hebert, '10
Roshan Jaikishen, '09
Max Kallenberger, '09
Paige Kennedy, '08

Carson Lafleur, '11
Michael Latiolais, '09
Emile Legendre, '09
Clara Little Frugé, '08
Mary Katherine Loos, '15
Meaghan McCarron Savoy, '08
Meghan McVeagh, '08

Nate Mouton, '19
Adam Musemeche, '19
Riley Nickel, '16
Brei Olivier, '10
Lex Pierre, '09
Whitney Walker Linville, '08



2024-2025 Falcon Athletics

State Runner-Up Teams:

Girls Swimming and Boys Cross Country

Individual state championships:

Track & Field

Cain Meche - 800m

Anderson Frank - 1600m, 3200m

Swimming

Bella Bourque - 200IM

College Commitments:

Anderson Frank - Cross Country and Track for Rhodes College

Semar Flugence - Basketball for Dean College

Composite All-Academic Honors:

Arun Cacodcar

Scarlett Osborn

Anderson Frank

Grace Pellegrin

Sidney Hebert Athletes of the Year

Avery Monica - Volleyball and Soccer

Anderson Frank - Cross Country and Track

Cade Broussard - Basketball, Baseball, and Tennis

Alumni Donors by Class Year

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1983

Rob Brinkman
Paul Henderson
Lila Heymann
Becky Anderson Clarke
Court Ramsay

1984

Missy Collins Henderson
Curtis Hudson
Jenny Malin Cole
Billy Plauché

1985

Betsy Capps
Kelly Curtis Lipari
Fran Freeland Yanity
Emile Guirard
Joan Heymann-Bergmann
Bill Lasseigne
Pilar Martinez Morrison

1986

Laurie Edler Huffman
Leah Larkin
Will McKinnon
Kelin Pickard Colberg
Jody Kochansky

1987

Scott Broussard
Elizabeth Turney Ryan

1988

Lyle Williams
Scott Yarbrough

1989

Warren Burke
Heather Davis
Andy Edler
Michelle Jeanson Anderson
Henry Kaufman
Dawn Latiolais Justin
Heather Sutton Forrester

1990

Angie Delcambre Broussard
Siao Eung Ly
Erin Reed Monica

1991

Edward Barousse
Kenny Boagni
Christi Fremin Brignac
Lainie Hebert
Jacky Mallet
Eric Movassaghi
Stephen Nickel
Matthew Williams

1992

Alisha Davlin
Charlie Fitzgerald
Mandi Guillotte Pooler
Siao Yong Ly
Brent Pooler
Dionysia Swett

1993

Lesley Barousse Malinowski

1994

Matt Rainey

1995

Ginger Courville Mouton
Mark Gooch
Michele Hebert
Elizabeth Hill
Scott Mayers
Allie Pate Rosen
Preston Robinson
Larry Simon

1996

Tyson Cromwell
Ashley Guidry LeMaire

1997

Lindy Blevins
Scott Chappuis

Caleb Doise

Greg Herrington
Garrett Rosen

1998

William Barousse
Alison Bondurant
Kristen Carbo Pasquier
Matthew Granberry
Anu Gupta Desai
Elise Johnson Sonnier
Charles Malespin
Andy Miller
Jennifer Movassaghi Moffett
Erin Pate Romero
Elliott Scott

1999

Freddie Bowie
Brandon Brown
Lindsey Browning
Daisy Cunningham
Shome Dasgupta
Katie de Mahy
Megan Dobyns
Rien Fertel
Katie Frayard Culbert
Brady Fusilier
Andree Gonsoulin
Reggie Hebert
Chris Herrington
Lauren Johnson Pryor
Will Ness
Tiba O'Connor Edelmann
Kat Plumley Roy

2000

Stephen Baker
Lon Baronne
EB Brooks
Miles Bruder
Sarah Chappuis
Louis David
Othman Elhelou
Brennan Fournierat
Charles Garrison

Anne Goza Mock

George Horton
Lacie Montie Chappuis
Greer Prather
Clay Prather
Ashton Reed
Michelle Reynolds Clark
Jessica Ronney Starewicz
Molly Rowe
Holly Vaughan Trant
A'Dair Williams Herrington

2001

Brett Berard
Steven Burgin
Mandy Cedars Stevens
Bryan Clopton
Katie Cooper Kennedy
Jamie Delcambre
Jennifer Desormeaux Graycheck
Katie Garrison Habbit
Anna Mary LeBlanc Walker
Colleen Maley Rothman
Megan McKenzie McPherson
Jennifer Mestayer Upshaw
Rick Miers
Emily Scott McCall
Scott Shea
Whitney Weeks Halamuda

2002

Ian Alpha
Kady Bourgeois Van Hook
Del Dejean
Matt Dembowski
Alix Gonsoulin
Angela Granberry Davis
Maneesh Gupta
Elise LaPointe Kohan
Ruben Loganantharaj
Christiaan Mader
Joe Morris
Faizal Patel
John Henry Trant

2003
 Jacob Anderson
 Elizabeth Brown
 Amy Chappuis Manceaux
 Melissa Desormeaux Fuller
 Katie Fox Maddox
 Colin Grussing
 Josh Guagliardo
 Cory Hebert
 Matt Kennedy
 Lizzy LaPointe
 Janie Lopez Liss
 Jenny Melanson
 Alex Robichaux
 Katie Tutwiler Coby

2004
 Ben Baronne
 Elizabeth Bospflug
 Hunter Boynton
 Leigh Godchaux
 Rella Jones Zapletal
 Brooks Lowrey
 Lauren Masur Davis
 Morgen Miller
 Patrick Reid
 Ben Trant
 Jennifer Van Way Ball

2005
 Ashwin Jaikishen
 Lance Orphé
 Max Palmer
 Cameron Simmons

2006
 Eleanor Brown
 Courtney Gordon
 Courtney Guenard
 Lillian Guidry Tsinikas
 Caitlin Kallenberger Gossen
 Rebecca Marx Rosenboom
 Mary Doris Reggie Eberhart
 Andrew Reynolds
 Emily Ross Hidell
 Erik Stark

2007
 George Arceneaux
 Michael Barron
 Andrew Davis
 Gus Godchaux

Chris Marcotte
 Claire Mickey
 Tim Rinaldi
 Mina Ross
 Chris Savoy
 Anna Schumacher

2008
 Alex Breaux
 Sarah Cole Milgiore
 Annie Cormier
 Pete Croughan
 Alicia Dietzen-Tawil
 Daniel Frugé
 David Gallineau
 Dean Guidry
 Lauren Guillory Bordelon
 Rachel Gulotta-Hosli
 Paige Kennedy
 Clara Little Frugé
 Meaghan McCarron Savoy
 Meghan McVeagh
 Frem Reggie
 Whitney Walker Linville

2009
 Hugh Arceneaux
 Michelle Bergeron
 Caroline Craig English
 Olivia Daigle
 Jonathan English
 Fallon Foti Kallenberger
 Ross Freeman
 Roshan Jaikishen
 Max Kallenberger
 Michael Latiolais
 Emile Legendre
 Lex Pierre
 Patrick Rinaldi

2010
 Adelle Anderson
 Carly Boudreaux
 Buie Brown
 Alex Elkins
 Kelly Gambel Karam
 Adam Hebert
 Annie Duplechain Lawrence
 Merritt Longman Hesterly
 Michael McCarron
 Brei Olivier

2011
 Matthew Cole
 Kathryn Cyrus
 Celise Guidry
 Carson Lafleur
 Madeleine Schutte Hazel

2012
 Karl Ashkar
 Hayley Brashier
 Seth Brasseaux
 Jacob Cason
 Ben Como
 Lily Cormier
 Hunter Dondero
 Brandon English
 Kat Faul Boustany
 Sam Foti
 J.J. Jacquet
 Ben Savoy
 Virginia Walker Dondero

2013
 Camille LeJeune

2014
 Tiago Atwi
 Drew Broussard
 Katie Como
 Gabby Daigle
 Hanna Eid
 T.J. Falterman
 Danielle Gallineau Gambel
 Christian Gambel
 Grant Gauthier
 Rob Knox
 Ivy Leleux Warner
 Margaret McCarron Kimzey

2015
 Victoria Andry
 Mateo Atwi
 Ajani Aubrey
 Carter Broussard
 Drake Broussard
 Blythe Bull
 Jillian Chen
 Emma Cole
 Marie Claire DeKeyser
 Mallory Gaspard
 Audrey Gutierrez
 Brayden Hernandez

Mary Katherine Loos
 Lily Lowry
 Sebastian Magann
 Heather Magann
 James McElligott
 John McElligott
 McCally Michot
 Alycee Moity
 Grace Pecoraro Falterman
 Adam Smith
 Anne-Marie Stokes

2016
 Andrew Billeaud
 Luke Bravo
 Joshua Broussard
 Danielle Broussard
 Caitlyn Eid
 Landon Lingle
 Maya Loney
 Riley Nickel
 Sarah Pierre
 Cal Ramsay
 Madison Romero

2017
 Kiran Ahluwalia
 Nich Beyer
 Angelle Bourgeois
 Tolson Frantzen
 Samuel Hebert
 Michael Jindia
 Mikaila Kinsland
 Grace Lowry
 Andrew Malek
 Libby Menard
 Everett Pooler
 Elsa Ramsay
 Nick Schutte
 Gunnar Viator

2018
 Story Frantzen
 Victoria Kinsland

2019
 Andreas Atwi
 Ethan Boagni
 Ella Frantzen
 Nate Mouton
 Adam Musemeche

2020

Lawrence Bourgeois
Caitlin Chen
Braxton English
Leah Gerard
Vern Guidry
Jack Osborne
Collin Pooler
Christiaan Thibodeaux

2021

Matthew Bush
Sam Castille
Nick Disher
Darryl Elias
Arden Frantzen
Lauren Gachassin
Addison Gibbs
Christian Herpin
Nicholas LaGraize
Luke LeGoullon
Thomas Rhymes
Ben Romero
Grant Suire

2022

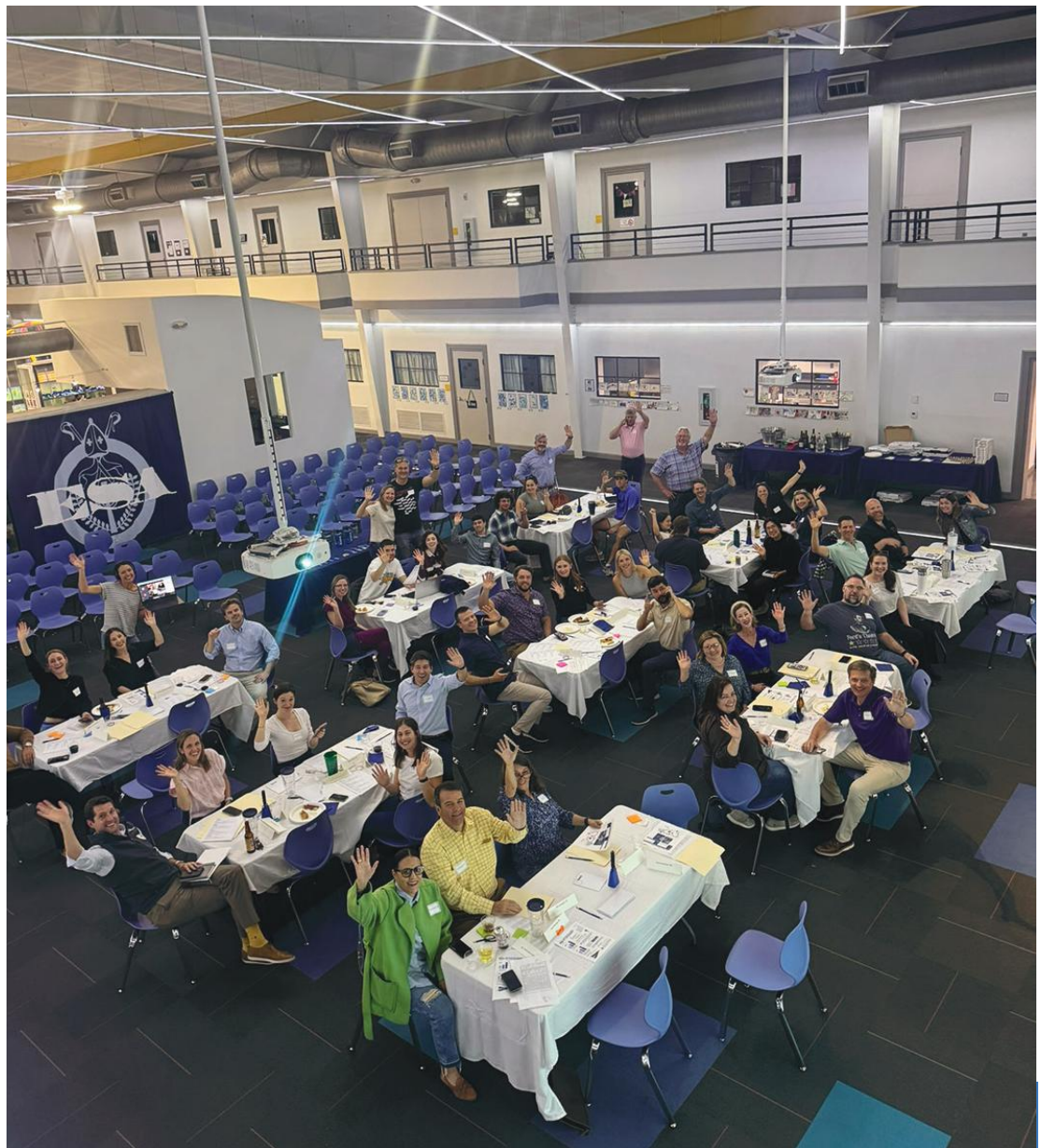
Tyler Chen
Richard Magann
Felix Osborn

2023

Reese Brasseaux
Andy Hebert
Luke Huffman
Lucy John
Irene Kaiser
Morgan Williams

2024

Anna Breau
Owen Broussard
Patrick Fitzgerald
Reese Foret
Henry Fuller
Millie Gros
Camille Kane
Aubrey Ladmirault
Evan Lipari
Claire Lisecki
Camille Movassaghi
Zoya Subramanian
Ella Walton



In two short hours in March, ESA Alumni made an incredible impact on our Strength to Strength Campaign! Class agents reached out to ESA alumni from 1983 through 2024, and raised \$64,610 for our capital campaign for the Cade campus. Our alumni participation rose to 20% this year, up from 3% in years past. Thank you to our class agents for a fun and successful night in support of ESA!

The Episcopal School of Acadiana Class of 2025



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Sian Allen
Rylee Benoit
Zoe Bouillion
Ainsley Bourgeois
Cade Broussard
Will Brown
*Arun Cacodcar
Andrew Crochet
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Celia Cromwell
Semar Flugence
Jude Foti
*Anderson Frank

Brennan Gabourel
Aiden Gewin
Violet Girouard
Elle Gray
Bailey Guillotte
Sara Grace Hoggatt
*Siyeon Joo
*Perry Joseph
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Coen Romero
Julia Salvaggio
Luke Schwarz
Sophia Thom
Devon Wenger
Charlie White

*indicates members of the Cum Laude Society, graduating in the top 20% of the class.

Our 39 graduates were accepted to the following colleges and universities. Asterisks indicate the institutions they have chosen to attend:

Auburn University	Southeastern Louisiana University
Baylor University	Spring Hill College
Belmont University	St. Edward's University
Centenary College of Louisiana	Suffolk University
Clark University	Texas Christian University
Clemson University	Texas State University
Columbia University	*The University of Alabama
Dartmouth College	The University of Arizona
*Dean College	The University of New Orleans
*Duke University	The University of Oklahoma
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University - Daytona Beach	Thomas Jefferson University
Florida Institute of Technology	Trinity University
Fordham University	*Tufts University
Georgia State University	*Tulane University
Hawaii Pacific University	*University of Arkansas
*Johns Hopkins University	University of California, Los Angeles
*Louisiana State University	University of Georgia
Louisiana Tech University	University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign
*Loyola University New Orleans	*University of Louisiana at Lafayette
McNeese State University	University of Massachusetts Amherst
Mercer University	University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
*Millsaps College	*University of Mississippi
Mississippi State University	University of Missouri
New York University	University of Mobile
Northwestern University	University of Notre Dame
Pratt Institute	University of Pittsburgh
*Princeton University	University of Southern California
*Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	University of Virginia
*Rhodes College	Washington and Lee University
*Samford University	Williams College
*Savannah College of Art and Design	Wofford College

Legacy graduates:

Sian Allen, daughter of Wallace Allen, '95
 Cade Broussard, son of Angie Delcambre Broussard, '90
 Cecelia Cromwell, daughter of Tyson Cromwell, '96
 Tripp Monica, son of Erin Reed Monica, '90
 Roman Moroux, son of Jerome Moroux, '97
 Coen James Romero, son of Erin Pate Romero, '98

2025 Awards

Headmaster's Award:
 Siyeon Joo

Bishop's Medal:
 Perry Joseph

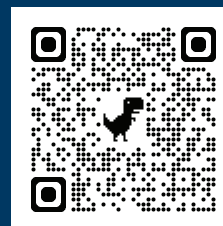
Tom Olverson Award:
 Cade Broussard

Bishop and Mrs. Henton Award:
 Scarlett Osborn

Shriner's Patriotism Award:
 Grace Pellegrin and Perry Joseph

Daughters of the American Revolution Award:
 Andrew Crochet

Find a complete list of year-end awards and
 academic honors at the QR code below.





Senior Art Exhibition

Molly Rowe, '00, Executive Director of the Hilliard Art Museum at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, served as the juror for this year's Senior Art Exhibition, held at Cite des Arts in downtown Lafayette. After reviewing all of the artwork on display, Molly selected Sophia Thom's portrait of her grandfather to receive the exhibition award.

"There is something deeply moving about Sophia's winning artwork," Molly said, "not merely because it captures her grandfather with such tender precision, but because it understands what photography can accomplish when it transcends mere documentation. Here is a double portrait that becomes a meditation on lineage itself: her grandfather reflected in a mirror surrounded by family photographs, becoming, in that moment, both observer and observed, both ancestor and descendant."

Molly is an innovative business leader with over two decades of experience at the intersection of business and culture. She has developed and implemented growth and reputation-building strategies for more than 50 cultural organizations across North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. Through her consultancy work, Molly has advised prestigious cultural institutions including the Whitney Museum of American Art, New York City Ballet, and Swiss Institute, alongside major brands like Google and The New York Times. She has held senior leadership roles at Savannah College of Art & Design, where she launched the SCAD Museum of Art and SCAD Hong Kong, and led strategic communications for multiple agencies.

Molly holds a B.A. in History and French Literature from Cornell University, Magna Cum Laude, and an MBA in Strategic Management from Tulane University. She conducted additional graduate studies at Duke University, École Normale Supérieure, and Sorbonne Université in Paris. Thanks for sharing your expertise with ESA's visual artists, Molly!

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1990

Siao Eung Ly visited with upper school students last fall to share his experiences working and living in China. After earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech and a master's degree in computer information systems from Georgia State, Siao Eung worked for Coca-Cola in Atlanta for several years before moving to Shanghai to work for a semiconductor firm. More than twenty years later, he is a husband and the father of two children, and is currently the Vice President of Information Technology in the Asia Pacific Region for Eaton Corporation, a power management company. Along the way, Siao Eung earned a master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Speaking with the students, he shared a few lessons from his experiences: show up and participate, learn to collaborate, be persistent, determine your values and live by them, be a lifelong learner, and help to make the people and the community around you better.

1991

Doug Granger is the Assistant Director of the LA Space Grant and NASA EPSCoR Programs at Louisiana State University.

1992

Dr. Allison Moise Hamada joined us for Career Day to speak about her career as an orthodontist. Allison studied at Tulane University, JYA France, and UL

Lafayette, then earned a DDS from LSU School of Dentistry in 2000, and a Certificate of Orthodontics from Columbia School of Orthodontics in New York in 2002. Allison has operated a Solo Private Practice, Hamada Orthodontics, in Metairie, Louisiana, for more than 20 years.

Mandi Pooler has been honored with the Ron Miller Publisher of the Year award, the highest award given to a Town Planner franchise owner. Out of all of the franchise owners in the nation, Town Planner recognizes one owner who exemplifies the highest standards of leadership, integrity, and commitment to the success of the Town Planner community calendar network. Mandi has been recognized not only for her commitment to excellence for her own franchise, but also for the support she gives to other franchise owners.

1993

Gifford Briggs is the Gulf Coast Region Director for the American Petroleum Institute.

1994

Adreja Boutte joined us virtually on Career Day to speak about her career as a Senior Attorney and the Chief Operating Officer in the Baton Rouge office of Doran & Cawthorne, PLLC. Adreja handles personal injury, insurance defense, creditors' rights, and compliance related matters, including corporate consultation and training regarding organizational/

business ethics, state, federal, and industry standards, and cyber risk insurance policy issues. Adreja is a former in-house counsel for the State of Louisiana, a commercial defense litigator, an adjunct instructor for paralegal studies at Herzing University, and an Academic Counselor for Southern University Law Center. With a certification in Basic Mediation and Conflict Resolution, she also has experience as a co-arbitrator on issues of creditor/debtor and landlord/tenant disputes and experience as a business consultant for the homeless and small businesses. Adreja received a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Xavier University School of Louisiana and a Juris Doctorate from Southern University Law Center. She also has a Master of Laws degree in Business Law, with a Certificate in Compliance Studies.

Chris Stec has been inducted into the The National Safe Boating Council (NSBC) Boating Safety Hall of Fame. Chris, the Director of Auxiliary Programs at Fredericksburg Academy in Virginia, is a past chairman of the NSBC and a certified American Canoe Association Whitewater Canoe & SUP Instructor Trainer Educator. He served as the chief operating officer of the American Canoe Association for 12 years, and has served on national committees, including the National Boating Safety Advisory Committee and the International Whitewater Hall of Fame. Chris was active in the development of the U.S. National

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Water Safety Action Plan, and has received the U.S. Coast Guard's Meritorious Public Service Award. Membership in the Hall of Fame is the NSBC's most prestigious honor, and recognizes outstanding contributions to the field of boating safety. Chris was honored at the International Boating and Water Safety Summit in Arizona in April.

1997

Scott Chappuis is vice president of Moliere Chappuis Architects. His firm is leading the restoration of the 1890 Lafayette Hardware Store to house the new Louisiana Music Museum.

Dr. Loretta Humphries Dumontet trained in pediatrics, psychiatry, child and adolescent psychiatry, and forensic psychiatry after completing medical school. She worked in academics at the University of Alabama Birmingham and at Tulane University for more than a decade before moving into the insurance field and beginning to serve as an expert witness for court cases. Loretta married JeanMarc Dumontet, a French Canadian engineer, in April 2024. "ESA taught me how to think critically, gave me a strong academic base, and prepared me to be very successful in college," Loretta says. "I also learned how to speak French at ESA and I won scholarships to study French in France and Canada. And now I am married to a fantastic Francophone who I converse in French with every day."

1998

Blaise Durio, AIA, is an Associate, Project Architect & Designer, and

Certified Passive House Designer with GBBN Architects in Cincinnati, where he has worked for almost ten years.

Dr. Anu Gupta Desai spoke to ESA juniors and seniors about her career in ophthalmology for Career Day 2025. Anu earned a bachelor's of science degree from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where she was named Outstanding Graduate of the College of Sciences. She attended LSU Medical School in New Orleans, and was awarded the Luis Perez Ophthalmology Award. After graduation, she completed a residency in Ophthalmology at John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County in Chicago, IL, and a fellowship in Cornea & Refractive Surgery at Columbia University in New York City. Anu practiced at Mount Sinai Hospital in Chicago, IL, before returning to Lafayette with her family in 2015.

1999

Dr. Freddie Bowie is Chief Financial Officer at Eikon Therapeutics, a firm that applies high performance computing and data analytics to identify new medicines. Freddie earned a B.S. in organic chemistry from Davidson College and a Ph.D. in chemistry and chemical biology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Ryan Castle is a cybersecurity expert with over 18 years of private sector and government experience. He is the Founder and CEO of Conduit Security, a software solution that provides businesses with security practices to keep electronic transfers secure. Conduit's software has protected

billions of dollars in payments and prevented millions of losses. Prior to Conduit, Ryan was an FBI Special Agent in New York City, where he worked complex criminal computer intrusion cases. Ryan's degrees include a B.E. in computer engineering and an M.S. in computer science, both from Vanderbilt University. He joined our computer science and cybersecurity panel for Career Day 2025 to share his experiences with ESA juniors and seniors.

Chad Cosby is an Analog IC Design Engineer with Rambus, a premier provider of chips & silicon IP in Atlanta.

Shome Dasgupta received four nominations for The Pushcart Prize for his various publications of fiction and poetry in 2024. His next poetry collection, which explores his identities of growing up as a Bengali in Lafayette and the local areas, is called *Cajun South Brown Folk*, and it will be published by Belle Point Press in October of 2025. He is currently working on a personal essay which will be included in an anthology entitled *Asians on the Third Coast*, to be published by LSU Press.

Andree Gonsoulin, CFRE, is Vice President of Marketing for Tides Medical in Lafayette.

2000

Dr. Stephen Baker spoke to ESA students about his career in emergency medicine for Career Day 2025. Stephen graduated from LSU with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences, and attended LSU Medical

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School in Shreveport. He served as an Emergency Medicine Resident at University of Mississippi, and is currently an Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Clerkship Director at LSU Shreveport.

2001

Ashley Flanagan is Senior Narrative Designer at Blizzard Entertainment.

Catharine Pyenson, AIA, is an Associate Principal at ZGF Architects in New York.

2002

Dr. Eugene Achi is one of the leaders of the multidisciplinary team at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi that performed the first stereoelectroencephalography (SEEG) procedure in the United Arab Emirates. Through the procedure, doctors implant thin electrodes into the brain to target the seizure's origins in a way that is minimally invasive. While the procedure has been performed in the United States and other countries, Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's Neurological Institute is the first Level 4 Epilepsy Center in the UAE, and its epileptologists, neurosurgeons, neuropsychologists, neuroradiologists, and nuclear medicine radiologists are pioneers in bringing this advanced technology to the UAE. Eugene completed a residency in neurology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and a fellowship in clinical neurophysiology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. He is currently the Medical Director of the Epilepsy Department at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, and leads a team of five epileptologists.

Christiaan Mader is the editor and co-founder of The Current, the Lafayette-based nonprofit news outlet. Last fall, The Current received a \$100,000 grant from a national initiative dedicated to supporting local news outlets. Press Forward, which is made up of large charitable organizations from around the country, gave funding to 205 news organizations in the U.S., including four in Louisiana, as part of its nationwide campaign to strengthen communities by reinvigorating local news.

Morgan Weiland is an Assistant Professor of Communication Law at Boston University College of Communication, with a courtesy appointment at Boston University School of Law.

2003

Faith Broussard Cade is the host of the fourth season of "Jesus Calling: Stories of Faith," a TV series streaming on UP Faith & Family featuring interviews with public figures. Faith was asked to host after being a guest on the series.

David Ducrest, who joined us for the computer science and cybersecurity panel at Career Day 2025, is the founder and CTO of tech startup Flexia. The company focuses on using technology to analyze movement to help people develop mindful awareness of their bodies. Their first product is the Flexia Pilates smart reformer and online studio. As CTO, David oversees all of the standards that go into the technology, most of which he built. David has both a B.S. and an M.S. in computer science from UL Lafayette.

Katie Fox is the Nurse Practitioner Supervisor of the Family Planning department at Jefferson County Department of Health in Birmingham, Alabama. She has been employed at JCDH for 13 years, including four in the supervisory role. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biology/Pre-Nursing from Birmingham Southern College in 2007, and received her Masters of Science in Nursing from Vanderbilt University in 2009. Katie received the Leading People Certificate and the Professional Development Certificate from the Personnel Board of Jefferson County. She is a member of the Central Alabama Nurse Practitioner Association, is a Days For Girls International Ambassador of Women's Health, and dedicates much of her free time to service and mission work on mission teams all over the world. Katie is a breast cancer survivor and an advocate for breast cancer awareness, and serves as an ambassador for Operation Wipe Out, a state-wide initiative to eradicate cervical cancer in Alabama. She lives in Hoover, Alabama, with her husband, Matt, her three stepdaughters, Annalise, Emmalyn, and Juliana. Thanks to Katie for joining us for Career Day 2025!

Maggie Simon LeBlanc returned to campus to speak with juniors and seniors about her career in criminal law. Maggie is an Attorney with the 16th Judicial District Public Defenders Office, where she oversees the office that covers Iberia, St. Martin and St. Mary parishes. She has been with the Public Defenders Office since she graduated from LSU Law School in 2010.

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Katie Tutwiler Coby is the first person to hold the position of Professional Advisor and Student Success Coordinator in the Butler University College of Communication.

2004

Dr. Laura Anderson Leonards joined us on campus for Career Day 2025. Laura is an Interventional Radiologist with North Oaks Imaging Associates in Hammond, Louisiana. She earned a medical degree at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, where she also completed an internship in Internal Medicine. After completing a residency in Diagnostic Radiology through the University of California at Los Angeles, where she served as chief resident, Laura completed a fellowship in Vascular and Interventional Radiology through MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

Megan Hudson Sinkula is Senior Planner for the City of Camarillo Government in California. She earned a B.A. from Tulane University in English language and literature, and a J.D. from Loyola University of New Orleans College of Law. Megan has experience in both environmental policy and natural resources protection.

Dr. Trey Martin, an Assistant Professor of Clinical Orthopaedic Surgery with Tulane Orthopaedics, was recently selected by Castle Connolly as one of New Orleans' Top Orthopedic Surgeons. Trey is an expert in the treatment of simple and complex fractures and periarticular fractures of the extremities, and specializes in the

treatment of nonunions, fractures that don't heal, and malunions, fractures that don't heal as expected.

2006

Caroline Gray is Head of Marketing at Louisiana Fish Fry Products.

Rizwan Merchant is a Flight Software Deputy System Manager for the Lunar Gateway Space Station with NASA in Houston.

2007

Sophie Dardant Lapping spoke to ESA students on Career Day 2025 about her work in the field of architecture. Sophie works for the global architecture firm Perkins&Will as a Project Manager for their sports architecture division. A licensed Architect, Sophie has shifted her focus to project management as her career has progressed. After graduating in 2012 from Tulane University with a Master of Architecture degree, she worked for a firm in New York City for four years, then returned to New Orleans for a short time before moving to Kansas City, Missouri, where she currently lives with her husband and two boys. Sophie worked in many project areas, including office/workplace, hospitality, healthcare, data centers, and broadcast/media, before settling on sports architecture, the design of stadiums, arenas, training facilities, recreation centers, and anything else that hosts or encourages sporting events. Sophie says sports architecture has been the most exciting project type to work on so far as she is passionate about building spaces that give both the fans and

the athletes meaningful, and often unforgettable, experiences that will last a lifetime.

2008

Lauren Guillory Bordelon joined us on Career Day 2025 to speak to students interested in counseling. Lauren is a Licensed Professional Counselor, and is also certified in Telehealth. She obtained a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Millsaps College and a master of science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Louisiana at Monroe. Before starting a private practice, she worked with children, teens, and families struggling with behavioral concerns and the parent/child relationship. She has also worked in the health care setting providing education on stress management to older adults with chronic health conditions, as well as smoking cessation counseling.

Dr. J. Daniel Frugé is an Interventional Pain Management and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation specialist. After earning a bachelor's of science in biology from Loyola University in New Orleans, Daniel pursued his medical degree at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, and remained there to complete both his residency in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and an ACGME-accredited fellowship in Interventional Pain Medicine. He began his career at the VA Medical Center in New Orleans, where he gained expertise in PM&R, Polytrauma, Traumatic Brain Injury, and multidisciplinary pain management. A double board-certified



Alumni Reunion

Thank you to Katie Frayard Culbert, '99, and husband Denny Culbert for opening the doors to Wild Child Wines, their wineshop and wine bar in downtown Lafayette, for an ESA alumni reunion last May! Alumni from 1985 to 2020, along with current and past faculty members, joined us for happy hour. We'll do it again this fall. Save the Date for Blue Friday on November 28th!

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physician in PM&R and Pain Medicine, Daniel came home to Lafayette, where his clinical practice focuses on the diagnosis and management of complex pain, musculoskeletal, and neurological disorders.

Kaitlin Cromwell Prescott graduated from LSU in 2012 with a degree in kinesiology, and from The University of Alabama-Birmingham in 2015 with a masters degree in Physician Assistant Studies. Katie has been working as a Surgical PA in the Head and Neck Surgery Dept. at MD Anderson Cancer Center for the past eight years. She and her husband Chad have a daughter and a son, Ella and Collin.

In January of 2024, Dr. Pete Croughan returned to the Louisiana Department of Health, where he currently serves as Deputy Secretary and oversees the Offices of Public Health, Behavioral Health, Aging and Adult Services, Citizens with Developmental Disabilities, Women's and Community Health, and the five state-run facilities. Thanks to Pete for speaking to ESA students about public health on Career Day!

Ryann-Rebecca Montgomery is a Senior Analytics and Visualization Consultant for Duke Energy Corporation in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Frem Reggie is a Managing Director at Hines, a global real estate investment manager in Houston.

Ryan Valentino is a Decommissioning Project Manager with Chevron in Houston.

2009

Dr. Carolyn Croughan Benedetto met with ESA juniors and seniors interested in veterinary medicine for Career Day 2025. Carolyn graduated from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, North Carolina, with a bachelor of science degree with honors in biology, then gained experience working on an organic farm with two Belgium draft horses. She was awarded a doctorate in veterinary medicine and the Merck Vet Student Innovation award from LSU's School of Veterinary Medicine. Inspired by her work to rehabilitate her rescue dog Zoey, Carolyn earned an acupuncture certification from the Curacore Integrative Medicine Center of Colorado, and is currently working on a canine rehabilitation certification from the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Michelle Bergeron is a palliative care specialist with Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette.

Alyse Poppa Jasinczuk earned a bachelor's degree in English and French from Georgetown University in 2013, and a Master 2 en linguistique et didactiques des langues, anglais langue étrangère de Université de Rennes 2 (master's in linguistics and pedagogy of languages, specializing in English as a foreign language from University of Rennes 2). She has been a university English teacher at Université de Rennes since 2018, after participating in TAPIF, the teaching assistant programme in France, from 2015-2017 at a high school in Rennes. Alyse is married to Nicolas Jasinczuk and has a son, Owen. "Learning French

at ESA led me to majoring in French at university and a study abroad semester in Lyon, which then led to being a permanent resident in France and creating a life here," Alyse says. "Additionally, I shadowed Madame Maggini for teaching experience in 2015. Her style impacted the way I teach English to my university students." Alyse is happy to speak with students and alumni about TAPIF, study abroad, and life in France. Let us know, and we'll put you in touch with her. Thanks, Alyse!

2010

Lea Hair earned a bachelor's degree in science from Centenary College of Louisiana in 2014, and a master's degree in vision science and Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of Houston College of Optometry in 2020. She practices with Achord Eye Clinic in Baton Rouge, and is the Myopia Collective's Change Agent for the entire state of Louisiana.

Jacob Groth is First Horizon Vice President, Private Client Relationship Manager. He and his wife, Dr. Madeleine Groth, have two daughters, Eleanor and Celia.

2011

Chris Beyer is a Director Consulting Expert at CGI in St. Louis. He earned a B.S. in biomedical engineering from Washington University in St. Louis in 2015, married at Rip Van Winkle Gardens in 2023, and welcomed son Paul in 2024. "ESA made me a well-rounded critical thinker with the ability to tackle new challenges, and prepared me well for the extremely rigorous

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program at Wash U,” Chris says. “In particular, I’ve been retroactively extremely grateful for the emphasis on writing across English and history classes, as the average writing level in the working world would give Mr. Tutwiler a conniption.”

2012

Lily Cormier spent a day with upper school chemistry students to describe her work as a process engineer for Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company. Lily earned a degree in chemical engineering from LSU before moving to the Pacific Northwest and beginning her career with TSMC. Her company makes more chips than any other company in the world to supply Apple devices, automobiles, and a range of other products and industries. One of 200 engineers at her fabrication plant in Washington, Lily oversees machines involved in the manufacturing. Speaking to students taught by her ESA classmate, Kat Faul Boustany, '12, Lily explained the process from raw materials to finished product, and tied it into lessons she, Kat, and the current students have learned in the same ESA chemistry classroom. Her advice: There are so many more jobs than the ones you currently know. You don't have to pick a career path in college. Study something that interests you, and it will translate to a job that interests you once you graduate.

2013

Dr. Anna Buttaci Simon is a pediatric oncologist in fellowship at Children's Hospital of New Orleans.

Mitchell Kerns joined us for Career Day's computer science and cybersecurity panel. Mitchell is a cybersecurity professional and U.S. Army veteran with experience in penetration testing, red teaming, consulting, and intelligence analysis. He is currently working as a penetration tester for Bulletproof while pursuing a master of science in Information Security Engineering (MSISE) from the SANS Technology Institute. Mitchell has a bachelor's degree in music theory and composition from LSU.

Anju Mampilly and her husband Jake Bottcher live in Chicago. She works as a public equity investor for Macquarie's real estate-dedicated funds, investing on behalf of institutional clients into publicly traded REITs. Anju earned a BS in anthropology in 2017, and an MS in biomedical sciences in 2018, both from Tulane University. She worked at Baird in Milwaukee, WI as an equity research analyst on their Life Science Tools team before moving to Chicago.

2014

The third through fifth-grade Interior Design cluster welcomed ESA alumna and design expert Ivy Leleux Warner to one of their cluster meetings. Cluster members had been working on floor plans, which led them to create design boards, all while learning the vocabulary of the field and studying various styles of design. Ivy, who graduated from LSU in Interior Design and now works with Legend Interiors in New Orleans, provided various materials, fabrics, and paint colors for the students to use in their designs,

and gave feedback and advice on the students' work.

Drew Broussard graduated from LSU Honors College and went on to earn a graduate degree from the University of Virginia. He has been with Oracle NetSuite since 2019, and works remotely as Senior Marketing Operations Program Manager. Drew and his wife Elizabeth married in 2022, and lived in Austin, Texas, before moving to her hometown of Baton Rouge. As a marketing professional, Drew said he looks back on his Digital Design classes with Mrs. Graycheck and Mrs. Hernandez almost daily, and he's continually applying something he learned during his junior year independent study to his work today. Drew's advice for current ESA students: “Take time at ESA to be yourself. When you graduate, your universe gets so much bigger. There is no better place for you to discover who you are as an individual than at ESA! It is an environment that is inspiring, nurturing, and accepting.”

Logan Istre is a PhD. candidate in American history at LSU. His historiographical essay, “The Enigma of San Francisco: Henry George and the Historians,” was published in the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*.

2015

Mallory Gaspard successfully defended her Ph.D. thesis, “Approaches to Optimal Control Under Uncertainty,” at Cornell's Center for Applied Mathematic. Next up: a post-doc at Princeton.

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Daniel Holland earned a degree in mechanical engineering and is a technical sales engineer of US Frame Factory (see feature article). Check out Daniel in one of the company's videos on YouTube.

Elizabeth Shensky and her husband, chef Erik Hansen, opened Lizzie's restaurant, patisserie, and full-service bar on New Iberia's Main Street

Mary Katherine Loos is an associate attorney in the commercial litigation practice group at Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P. MK's advice for future ESA graduates: "Make the most of the freedom ESA offers you to make your own choices. This is an excellent way to build the confidence you need for life after high school. By taking charge of your decisions, you will start developing the skills and self-assurance necessary to face challenges and embrace opportunities."

2016

Andrew Billeaud attended LSU and graduated with an accounting degree in 2020. He worked for a public accounting firm in Lafayette for two years before moving into accounting for a medical laboratory in Scott. Andrew earned his CPA license in January of 2024, and he is now training at his family's car dealerships to take over as CFO and controller of the group in January of 2026. His grandfather opened the business in 1991, and it was always Andrew's dream to work for and help his family's business. He loves going to work every day because he gets to work alongside his parents and younger brother Alex, '18.

Sami Spoon is a Forestry Technician on the Black Mesa Hotshot Crew.

2017

Kiran Ahluwalia is a CPA Accountant at Golub Capital in Chicago.

Maddie Breaux studied electrical engineering at LSU, where she learned about power production, renewable energy, and controls systems. Once she earned her degree, Maddie began her career working in substation design in Dallas, Texas, where she was responsible for creating site layouts and packages of wiring diagrams, and performing testing for protection from faults caused by natural factors. In 2023, she moved home for a job working in subsea robotics at Oceaneering, where she creates schematics for the electronics of remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and design solutions and new components for various functions on the ROVs and their accessories. Maddie says, "This position, as with electrical engineering in general, is fulfilling because every day is different, and I have the opportunity to create unique solutions while constantly learning more about the field. In my free time, I enjoy reading, snow skiing, and traveling."

Isabell Gilfoil is at University of Notre Dame working with recruitment and admissions for the ACE Teaching Fellows program, a cost-free master's degree and formational program serving under-resourced Catholic schools across the U.S.

Mikaila Kinsland earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the

University of Louisiana Lafayette with a minor in Spanish in 2021. She is currently working at the University of Colorado Denver as the Employer Relations Coordinator within the Career Center.

Zack Withers graduated from The University of Alabama in 2021 with a BS in computer science and mathematics. He worked in financial technology in Denver's Tech Center before switching over to fully remote work in cybersecurity. While living just south of Denver, Zack is currently a full stack software engineering team lead for a cybersecurity firm based in Seattle. "ESA prepared me for the much tougher college courses and lifestyle," Zack says. "Classes felt easy, and I felt like I had an understanding of the importance of going to class and how to manage my free time. I felt like I was prepared to be an adult way earlier than some of my other friends were."

2018

Alex Malek is a Financial Analyst at Fidelity Investments in Boston.

2019

Anna LeGoullon is a Senior Software Developer at Crowe, a public accounting and consulting firm.

Nathan Mouton, CPA, is a Senior Accountant at Champagne and Company, LLC.

2020

Thank you to Lawrence Bourgeois for stepping in as a substitute English teacher for a faculty member on maternity leave last fall. Lawrence



Garrett Rosen

This summer, Garrett Rosen, '97, made the leap from ESA history teacher with a sideline gig teaching lessons and building guitars to full time business owner. His new shop, Rosen, is located in Lafayette's Oil Center, and serves as both studio and workshop.

Garrett has expanded his offering of private guitar and bass lessons and devoted more time to crafting high-end custom electric guitars and basses made with a variety of woods and finishes. Follow him @rosenguitars on Facebook and Instagram to see his gorgeous one-of-a-kind creations and signature embellishments, as well as a glimpse of his process.

While we miss him on campus, we're delighted to see him pursue his dream and make the most of his musical and artistic talents!

Photos by Jennifer Desormeaux Graycheck, '01



US Frame Factory

Brothers Mateo Atwi, '15, and Tiago Atwi, '14, are the founders of US Frame Factory, a company that manufactures metal studs, trusses, and wall panels for commercial projects, framers, and contractors. They're currently located at the Port of Iberia, but have begun construction on a facility in Broussard, not far from the Cade campus. With an innovative distribution model and an emphasis on customer service, the brothers have seen their business grow quickly. Today, they serve clients across the US and internationally.

When ESA Baseball coach Mark Broussard began planning a storage shed and a 900-square foot clubhouse extension for the home dugout, he reached out to Mateo and Tiago, who provided the framing for both buildings at a generous discount. The project is nearly complete, and the baseball team looks forward to having an onsite space for changing, watching film, and keeping gear safe and dry.

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graduated Magna Cum Laude from Loyola University New Orleans with a bachelor's in English Literature and a minor in Classical Studies. Along the way, he earned the Award for Excellence in Literature from his department, the 2024 Dawson Galliard essay contest's top prize, and the Jullian Wasserman Award for Outstanding Literature Major, all while working as a tutor for writing and other subjects.

Michael dela Rosa graduated Magna Cum Laude from New York University's Honors program with a bachelor of arts double major in data science and computer science and minors in math and chemistry. A Dean's Scholar, he received University Honors as well. This summer, Michael interned at the main corporate office of Amazon in Seattle. He is pursuing a master's degree in engineering and data science at the University of Pennsylvania.

Christiaan Thibodeaux was the Outstanding Graduate Finalist for UL Lafayette's College of Engineering in the fall of 2024. A mechanical engineering major, Christiaan was team leader for the UL Lafayette autonomous boat team, Bayou Bot Krewe, president of the campus chapters of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Louisiana Engineering Society, and a member of the Dean's Student Advisory Council. She is pursuing a master's degree in engineering management, with plans to pursue an MBA.

2021

Grant Suire graduated from the

U.S. Naval Academy with a bachelor of science in political science with honors and a minor in French. He received his commission as an Ensign in the U.S. Navy, and will continue his education at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California, where he will pursue a degree in Regional Security Studies - Europe and Eurasia. Following the completion of his master's degree next June, he'll report to flight school in Pensacola, Florida, to train as a Navy pilot out in the Fleet.

Charles Blanchard visited physical science classes last fall when freshmen were preparing for the cardboard boat project. Charles, at the time a senior in naval architecture and marine engineering at the University of New Orleans, spoke to the students about his degree program and his internships at Incat Crowther, Bollinger Shipyards, and Conrad Industries, as well as his role as vice president of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers at UNO. His advice for future ESA graduates: "Trust the foundation that ESA has given you. The critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and discipline you've developed here will serve you well, not just in college but throughout your life. You're stepping out into a world full of new opportunities and challenges, and ESA has equipped you with the tools to handle both."

2022

Madeline Breaux, a psychology major at the University of San Diego, is the first author on a research paper, "The Role of Client Preference for Therapeutic Alliance in Retention

in Therapy," that was published in the Psi Chi Journal of Psychological Research. A senior at USD, Maddie has participated in multiple labs and independent studies, received research-related grants for her independent work, and presented at several conferences. At the recent Western Psychological Association conference in Las Vegas, she presented the independent research that resulted in her published article. After participating in research, clinical, and teaching experiences throughout college, Maddie says she has fallen in love with clinical psychology and plans to pursue a PhD in the field. "I would not be here without ESA's focus on academic rigor and student development," Maddie shared. "I appreciate everything ESA did for me, especially in regard to preparing me to succeed in college and the academic world."

Piper Leger visited our social media ambassadors class virtually last fall to share her experiences creating video content for the University of New Orleans' athletic department, as well as her work as a videographer for Camp Hidden Lake. Piper is studying film and psychology at UNO.

2023

Lucy John also met with our ESA social media ambassadors last fall. Lucy is on the Tulane Social Media Krewe and was happy to share her experiences creating content for Tulane's accounts. She explained how the portfolio she built in her ESA ExLabs classes helped her get the position and offered advice on storytelling and content strategy.



The Anderson Family

The Anderson siblings added to all three of their families in 2004! Jacob, '03, and his wife Amanda live in Fort Worth, where Jacob is a software engineer. They welcomed a daughter, Madilyn Inez in May. Laura, '04, is an interventional radiologist with North Oaks Hospital in Hammond. She joined us in-person for Career Day 2025 (see the 2004 section for more about her career). She and husband Joe live in Covington and had their third child, daughter Stevie Anderson Leonards, in April. Stevie was welcomed by her big brother, August, and big sister Mirelle. Adelle, '10, and her husband Ryan live in Albuquerque and welcomed son Jon Wyatt Wortman in August. Adelle is a former middle and high school teacher taking time off to work as a stay-at-home mom. Congratulations, Andersons!

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Thank you to these professionals who shared their experiences and advice with ESA juniors and seniors!

Andrew Billeaud, '16, Accounting
Brent Upshaw, Private Equity
Brandon Linville, Civil Engineering
Sophie Dardant Lapping, '07, Architecture
Maddie Breaux, '17, Electrical Engineering
Casey Hoyt, Business
Jared Arsement, Political Consulting
Maggie Simon LeBlanc, '03, Criminal Law
Adrejia Boutte, '94, Civil Law
Ryan Castle, '99, Cybersecurity
David Ducrest, '03, Computer Science
Mitchell Kerns, '13, Cybersecurity
Dr. Laura Anderson Leonards, '04, Interventional Radiology
Dr. Carolyn Croughan Benedetto, '09, Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Stephen Baker, '00, Emergency Medicine
Dr. Blaine Walton, Trauma Surgery
Katie Fox Maddox, '03, Nurse Practitioner
Tala Bui, Pharmacy
Lauren Guillory Bordelon, '08, Counseling
Dr. Anu Gupta Desai, '98, Ophthalmology
Dr. Allison Moise Hamada, '92, Orthodontics
Dr. Pete Croughan, '08, Public Health and Medicine
Dr. Tina Stefanski, Public Health

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Morgan Williams and the TCU Beach Volleyball Team won the 2025 NCAA National Championship in Gulf Shores, the first Beach Volleyball National Title for TCU or any school outside of California.

2024

Owen Broussard completed his Plebe Year at the U.S. Naval Academy and has now moved on to the rank of Midshipman Third-Class.

Watch our This is ESA - Beyond the Oaks series of short videos from alumni in college at the QR code below.



In Memorium

Our prayers are with the family members, friends, and classmates of these ESA alumni who passed away in the past year.

Angel Estis, '83
Bryan Sloane, '83
Nikky Akkaraju, '95
Nancy dela Houssaye, '00
Brooks Prejean, '21



Our kids have done things we never thought they would – like run for student council, take on a new sport, join the musical, climb snowy mountains, and truly love learning thanks to fascinating classes. We know they wouldn't have these experiences anywhere other than ESA.

— Current ESA Parents



Cash

The simplest way to support Episcopal School of Acadiana is through cash gifts. This form of giving makes an immediate impact and is fully tax deductible.



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Long-term appreciated stocks and other securities may be transferred to ESA. The donor may avoid capital gains taxes upon sale of the stock and be able to claim a charitable deduction.



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Individuals age 73 and older can donate up to \$100,000 each year from their IRAs to ESA tax-free. Donors do not receive an income tax charitable deduction. However, this provision allows donors to transfer money from their IRAs directly to a qualified charity without having to recognize the transfer as taxable income.



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Easy Ways to Make Your Charitable Gift

It's easy to donate to ESA Annual Fund 2025-2026, as well as to the Strength to Strength capital campaign for the Cade campus, the Falcon Club for arts and athletics, the Tates/Tutwiler scholarship fund, and the Ramsay Fund for teacher development. The QR code will take you to our donation page with links to donate online or to give through your donor advised fund. Thank you for supporting ESA students and teachers!



Bequests

A bequest through a will is the most common form of planned giving. This is an attractive option for donors who wish to retain control of their assets during their lifetime and assist ESA at a future date. Bequests may designate a specific dollar amount, a percentage, or the residual of an estate after taxes, expenses and family needs are met. Important estate tax savings may be realized through this type of gift.



Retirement Plan and IRA Designations

A donor may designate ESA to receive any remaining assets from an IRA or other qualified pension or profit-sharing plan. The donor maintains access to funds throughout his/her lifetime, and later gifts are deducted from their taxable estate. This may provide considerable tax savings to the donor's heirs.



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