



Alumnae Class Notes

FALL 2026

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1970

CRISTINA BRESCIA MICHTA

Greetings from the wonderful class of 1970. Everyone is busy and involved in their families, friends and communities. I am so proud of the fabulous girls that we once were and the wonderful women we now are! **Kathy Baker Penn** welcomed a grandson in March, William Read Carter, and is living in Dallas less than 100 yards away! She and sister Elinor Baker Jones '68 visited Mary Hills Baker Powell '74 in Ponte Vedra, Florida in June for a sisters' only vacation. Fun golf, dinners out, cocktails with friends and beach time. Morning jammie time with Abby, Mary Hill's lab. **Linda Stratton Hancock** and husband



Left to right: sisters Pam McNeely Williams '69, Connie Loveless Friend '69, Josie McNeely Walker '76, Robbie (Lucy) Loveless Archer '76 at Alumnae Weekend Chapel.

Cary went to their grandson Nathan's high school graduation. He will be attending Auburn University. Linda and Cary will be staying with his sister Hannah (12) while he and his parents go to Camp War Eagle for his orientation. Sadly, Linda's brother-in-law Michael passed away unexpectedly and Linda and Cary spent a few special days at sister Christie Stratton Moody's '71 in Georgia. **Susan Hall Wilson** and husband Bubba enjoyed celebrating our nation's very special birthday with family and friends and lots of fireworks. They also love the special privilege of teaching second graders at their church. **Cary Pridgen Slatery**, husband Herbert, and their son enjoyed a lovely family holiday in Scotland. She enjoyed visiting beautiful Scottish villages while the gentlemen played golf. She and her husband are looking forward to celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. **Gigi Gould** is transitioning to a new position as Director of Legacy Giving at St. Mary's. She is happy to be in this position with reduced hours and responsibilities and will continue to work with the new Director of Alumnae. She has returned from a wonderful Alaskan cruise, which she highly recommends to anyone who has not taken this trip. She loved cruising as it gave her the opportunity to visit four different cities. She reports that her four grands are growing up way too fast and it is such a joy to have them in her life! **Cristina Brescia Michta**, humbly serving as class secretary for the wonderful Class of 1970, continues to love life in Bavaria! She enjoys swimming, biking, hiking, and yoga! She reports that she's enjoying exploring new areas

in the UK. She recently visited Cornwall, the Cotswolds and more recently, the Norfolk coast. Cristina is grateful for the honor and privilege to serve as class secretary for the lovely members of the class of 1970!

1972

ANNE REMMERS PHILLIPS

The Class of '72 turns 72 this year! **Jane Gordon Simmons** declares to NEVER say NEVER! She told everyone she would "never ever" learn to play Mahjong. BUT she recently learned to play and confesses, "It's wonderful for our aging brains! and keeps me on my toes!" She is still at Oak Hall and loves her job! Why? Because delightfully she sees so many old friends she hasn't seen in forever. **Jacqueline Pentz Watkins** is still counting birds in her backyard for Cornell Ornithology. Amazingly she has documented 82 species out of the 1,965 times she has counted and reported sights. **Christine Mayer Todd** acquired a puppy named Pepper who is quite a challenge for her, husband Carroll, and the cat. With fingers crossed



Sisters Kathy Baker Penn '70, Mary Hills Baker Powell '74, and Elinor Baker Jones '68 enjoy a sisters-only vacation in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

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she is betting on the promise that having a dog staves off Alzheimer's. Christine enjoys watercolors, Mahjong, retirement, and spends a lot of time at Snow Lake. She heads back to France in September and looks forward to seeing **Meg Jemison Bartlett** in Como. Meg returns from Cooperstown in early September where the temperature is 68° as compared to 96° in Memphis. She and **Hunter Haizlip Oppenheimer** visited **Susan Ossorio** to admire her recently remodeled kitchen. Susan is glad to report that the kitchen is 98% complete with only lighting left. She is repainting everything she can reach and tightening up her house in hopes to have the option of aging in place! But Susan still stays busy with her 50 hour babysitting work week with 9 month old Oliver. **Suzanne Hauser Schlittenhart** reports this year to be all about the family. Her husband Cliff's family of forty reunited in Mesa, AZ. There are very many Schlittenharts! She was in Memphis briefly in March for her half sister's celebration of

life. In June she planned another family reunion for her adopted family in Franklin, TN, many of whom she had never met. Then recommended by Cliff's "Canuck" biking friends, they plan to travel to Kelowna, Canada in September and promise to keep us posted! **Tempe Brown Garriott** and her husband last year travelled on a musical tour of Ireland and spent two weeks in Bavaria and Austria. The Guinness factory tour was a highlight. Following this adventure they adopted an 8 week old Goldendoodle named Virgil. She admits it's probably not a good idea at this age but she is powering through it, because he is a joy and so sweet. Recently she joined the Daughters of the King at St. George Episcopal Church. She concurs that retirement is wonderful and sometimes relaxing. **Malinda Allen Lewis** and husband Buck sold the house in Knoxville and are unpacking like crazy people at the

new house in Germantown. She warmly adds, "It's so nice to be home." They spent a most enjoyable two week holiday in Hawaii in May. This fall **Jennifer Wilde Lovejoy** returned to Jonesboro, TN to the Storytelling Festival, an event she regularly attended when living in Philly. Since living in Virginia, she returned, sharing laughs and tears with **Angie King Keesee** and her daughter, Lauren. Now a Smithsonian Event, she attended with a local friend to brave the mass event. Her passion for storytelling was kindled at a very young age, sitting on the longhorn steer onoghyde couch in her grandfather's cabin in Holly Springs, MS. The knotty pine walls of his den were decorated with mounted bass and a painting of dogs playing poker. In addition to his baritone storytelling voice, the room was filled with his harmonica playing as his basset bayed in accompaniment. The warmth of this exchange is



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still vivid today. That is the power of storytelling. **Mandy Richards McCartney** and husband Pate McCartney this summer met his daughter and family in Venice. They hiked in the Dolomites in Northern Italy from their two different vegan hotels and ended up in Varenna in Lake Como. **Lee Taylor Boyd** helped her daughter and family in Jackson, WY with a cabin under construction. She says it was more like washing: clothes, dishes and kids. "It is still 5 :00 somewhere" and she finds time to sit and look at the big sky and mountains everyday. She brags on her oldest granddaughter who is a rising junior at an Episcopal School in Columbia, SC. On the first day that division 1 colleges could call her granddaughter received 8 calls from college equestrian head coaches. Granddaughter is a hunter jumper who travels to Texas, Georgia, South Carolina, Auburn and Sewanee. Lee treasures being her cheerleader. There are many shows where she

sees a Germantown barn and often wants to visit but declares "this circuit is another world!!" She invites us to join her on the coastal route of the Camino from Porto to Santiago. **Karen Adleson Strauss** claims life continues to be blessed with good health (age appropriate aches and recovery times included). She has 3 high functioning adult children, 5 age appropriate adorable and challenging grandchildren, and a full life in the mountains in Park City Utah. She finds many ways to stay present, especially spending time with people she cares about, and spends energy on causes and topics that matter to her. At 72, she has mostly figured out how to focus on the here and now. Friends, family, staying really active, volunteering with local causes and living in a beautiful place all combine to give her a sense of the joy of being alive. **Ashley Moore Remmers** and **Anne Remmers Phillips'** family gathered in FL to celebrate the birthdays of Mom

turning 96 and granddaughter turning 8. From ages 3 to 96 we played games on the beach, in the yard, and at the table with love, laughter, and forgiveness. One of the highlights for me was watching "Mr. Hobbs Takes A Vacation" with Jimmy Stewart and Mareen O'Hara. I am grateful we are still making memories. And as Karen said, "Here's to being 72!" and never too late to learn!

1975

LAURIE WALPOLE

The Class of 1975 has a collective milestone in that we started a monthly book club (**Wendi Sloane's** idea) on Zoom, and it's now known as the Mrs. Curry book club. In honor of Mrs. Curry we read the books with our brains and not just our eyeballs. Books (with authors) we've read so far are: *My Friends* (Fredrick Backman), *Theo of Golden* (Allen Levi), *The Book of Longings* (Sue Monk Kidd), *Girl in Hyacinth Blue* (Susan Vreeland), *The Hare with Amber Eyes* (Edmund de Waal). Next book is *Whistler* (Ann Patchett).

1976

ALLISON BROWN COATES

Thank you to all of you who have something to share with the SMS community! We had a wonderful fiftieth reunion where so many stories were told and so many memories were captured in photos. We want to give a big thank you to everyone who hosted, and to Mr. Tanner who hosted afternoon tea for us as well. Congratulations to



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all of us for meeting the challenge of raising \$100,000 for the school for our fiftieth. Way to go, turkeys!

Teri Blair is surviving the summer heat by spending time at the Roundabout Water Park in Oxford with her grandchildren. You may find the best grandmother at the water park or a nearby coffee shop. If anyone wants to meet up with Teri, let her know. **Julie Davidson Barton** and her husband Keith are thrilled to be grandparents! John and Carolyn welcomed Katherine Kittle Barton on July 5, 2026. We are all so excited for you. The next reunion event for our class will be October 16–18, 2026 at Mont Eagle and hosted by Julie Barton and **Virginia Donnelson Curry**. Please contact Julie or Virginia if you would like to attend. I hope everyone enjoys the rest of summer and is able to stay cool as much as possible. Hopefully we will all see each other again soon!



1982

OLIVIA BRUCE HURLOCK

Mary Kavanagh Day reports that she retired at the end of 2025, and is now an empty-nester after son Michael moved. Mary says, “I’m fully embracing grandma hobbies ... travel, mahjong, pickleball, needlepoint. The best part is not having to hurry!!!” She also shared news that **Catherine Robilio Womack** was awarded a Mastership for Internal Medicine, which is a huge award that a handful of people get globally. It’s for doctors who go beyond clinical excellence to improve the way that medicine is practiced and funded. Please see the photos of **Carol Gilliland Jordan**, who is loving life as a grandmother of two, and **Lauren Wright Bihm**

and her family at son Jake’s recent wedding. Hard to believe, but we will celebrate our 45th reunion next year!

1984

VANESSA ALLEN DOBBINS

On weekends **Meade Jones Hanna** and Mike have been hiking the Appalachian Trail in sections and have completed 100 miles so far. They enjoy annual travel with Mike’s mother, with recent trips to England, Ireland, and Iceland. Their older children are both in Philadelphia: Fran recently graduated from Temple University and is continuing her work with the Working Families Party, while Grace is in school and coaching volleyball in Arlington, VA. Meade’s work with Fairfax County brings challenging hours, but she finds it meaningful and engaging. She also loved catching up recently with **Lynn Barlow** and **Smitha Gollamudi** in DC over a long leisurely lunch. Smitha has been fortunate to meet with another classmate while visiting her nephew in Seattle. She enjoyed a special reunion with Ally Burr-Harris, their first visit since 1984, and one that felt instantly familiar. Smitha and Johnny continue to live happily in Washington, DC, where their two adult children are roommates and building their careers and lives, and Smitha’s mother is thriving in nearby independent living. After several years of intensive caregiving, Smitha and Johnny are enjoying cultural outings and memorable travel – including “gorilla trekking” in Rwanda and a planned trip to the Galapagos in celebration of

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their 60th birthdays. **Ally Burr-Harris** retired last summer from her long-term career as a psychologist at a large children's clinic in Portland and is relieved to leave the intensity of that work behind. She continues to practice privately on a smaller scale, mostly with adults, and is proud to have learned the business side of maintaining her own practice. Like a few of us, she has been spending some of her time as a caregiver for her aging parents in Mountain Home, AR. At home, Ally and Michael are actively taking the time to enjoy all that the Pacific Northwest offers. They often escape to the great outdoors in their small camper named Wendel, with their naughty dog, Daisy. Ally sends love and support to classmates as we tackle the different phases of life with family and loved ones. Her advice—remember to breathe and enjoy nature. **Alison Potts Hollewand** reports that life at 60 is treating her well. Alison recently had her second hip replacement and is grateful to have



Carol Gilliland Jordan '82 and grandchildren Vereen and Inez



Lauren Wright Bihm '82 and family at her son Jake's wedding

two working hips again. Her daughter Izzy, 22, completed finals for her two bachelor's degrees, Economics and International Relations & History, while also working as a policy advisor for their local shadow state minister. Alison and family continue to love life in beautiful Australia and recently returned from a trip to the tropical north, enjoying both reef and rainforest. Speaking of hip replacements, **Merri Leigh Masters Johnson** also had a second total hip replacement which was a success, making movement much more comfortable. She is in her sixth-year teaching at Texas Woman's University's School of Physical Therapy in Dallas, where she continues to find the work rewarding and fulfilling. She has also loved returning to hospital-based patient care several days a week. Merri Leigh's oldest son, Jack, is starting medical school at the Long School of Medicine at UT San Antonio, while her youngest, Charlie, will be a junior

at SMU with a double major in Music Education and French Horn Performance. He also earned a full scholarship to the Aspen Music Festival and School. Tim continues to work from home and sing locally, and he and Merri Leigh recently returned from a church choir tour through the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. They are adjusting to an intermittent empty nest and discovering that cooking for two is much simpler. **Clare Halle Brown's** happiest news is the arrival of her granddaughter, Bridget, who is about to turn one. Clare thoroughly enjoys being a grandmother and says the family is completely in love with Bridget. She and sister Laura Halle Nunnally '87 see each other often. **Molly Brown** reports her year has been full of music, work reflections, travel, family, and a lively homestead. After 35 years with the Oregon State University Foundation and Alumni Association, she is beginning to

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think about retirement. Instead of work bonuses her deep institutional memory has led to new work “perks”, including hosting for the alumni travel program. A canceled alumni Morocco trip turned into an unexpected and memorable trip to the Kentucky Derby, complete with Southern nostalgia and a lucky bet on the long-shot winner. At home, Molly has been rebuilding her backyard chicken flock after several losses by predators including hawks, raccoons and the neighbor’s dog—oh my! She continues to love life in Corvallis with her disheveled standard poodles, Alice and Jeter. Her son Coby is thriving in San Francisco working in a neuroscience research lab, and her stepson Michael has completed his first year as an assistant professor at Butler University and is settling into a historic home in Indianapolis. Molly’s parents, who live nearby, are navigating health challenges, and she is grateful to share weekly dinners and Memphis/SMS memories with them. **Cathey Turner Alexander** is balancing semi-retirement with gardening, teaching yoga, and time with Glynn. She is embracing life at 60 and navigating the rewarding transition of parenting adult daughters—learning to let go while keeping everyone close. Cathey and Glynn have enjoyed a year of memorable travel and music, including seeing Paul McCartney in New Orleans, visiting Key West with friends, traveling to California with family, attending a wedding in Colorado, and seeing Kenny Chesney at the Sphere in Las Vegas. One of the year’s happiest family highlights

was their oldest daughter Elizabeth’s wedding, made even more special by seeing **Carrie Jaeger Carpenter** and **Celeste Barzizza Stallings** there. Celeste’s daughter Emily graduated in May from UVA with a master’s degree in Speech-Language Pathology, is working in a pediatric private practice in Naples, FL, and is engaged, with a fall wedding planned on Bald Head Island, NC—the same special place where son, Will and Allison were married in 2023. Will continues his work as a consultant with Boston Consulting Group and lives in Raleigh. Celeste was deeply touched last September when Emily and Will surprised her with a 60th birthday party. All of Celeste’s siblings and their families travelled to Richmond to celebrate. And in other news she also landed a “fish of a lifetime,” a 42-inch red drum, on Bald Head Island. Who knew Celeste fished! Celeste



1984 classmates Carrie Jaeger Carpenter, Cathey Turner Alexander, and Celeste Barzizza Stallings reunite at Cathey’s daughter Elizabeth Alexander Stepensons’s (class of 2014) wedding

remains grateful for family, friends, faith, and life’s sweet gifts. **Anne Crocker Hefter** and Scott have made New York City a permanent, part-time home, buying a place on the Upper West Side and enjoy having both sons nearby in the city with their significant others. Anne has begun a four-year term at the United Nations as a representative from the League of Women Voters, making the NYC base especially helpful, while she and Scott continue to spend more than half their time in Lyme, CT, enjoying river life and a slower pace. Their daughter was married in May and is moving with her husband to Boston. Scott has stepped out of retirement to start a consulting group with Anne’s school friend. Our condolences to Anne whose mother passed away last summer. The family honored her with a celebration of life on what would have been her 99th birthday. Anne and Scott enjoyed travel to Morocco and Japan, with favorite stops in less-traveled places, and they recently marked the Fourth of July in New York with the Tall Ships and flyovers. **Carolyn Thompson** is happily semi-retired and practicing office gynecology three days a week at a federally qualified health center, where she cares primarily for uninsured and underinsured patients. She enjoys a grateful community, a wonderful team, and a slower pace by not having to roll out of bed to deliver a baby at 3am! She is also training through Parker Palmer’s Center for Courage and Renewal to become a facilitator, with the goal of supporting healthcare professionals struggling within today’s healthcare system. In Nashville, Carolyn serves

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on nonprofit boards and appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the community alongside good friends. Her travels this year have included hiking in Bavaria and the Sud Tyrol in Italy where she hiked the Dolomites, with upcoming visits planned to San Diego and a culinary trip to San Miguel de Allende. Like many classmates, she finds comfort in the soundtracks of the '80s as she continues commuting—still rocking out on the interstate. **Kelly McCracken** is approaching eight years with JLL and continues to enjoy her role. Her beloved dog Rooney turns 15 soon and, while he is no longer up for neighborhood walks, he still has plenty of tail wags to offer. Kelly recently enjoyed her first trip to Mexico with a girls' getaway to Cabo, and her family recently traveled together to the Caymans. Her parents are doing well and have made a major transition by moving from the home they built 60 years ago. Back in Memphis,

Leslie Darling loves playing a lot of tennis on several USTA tennis teams, which has been a wonderful way to make new friends. Leslie has worked in marketing and media research for more than 25 years, a career that still takes her back to New York City from time to time, where she enjoys catching up with her mother-in-law. She enjoys spending part of the summer on Cape Cod, with the beach offering a break from the Southern heat and humidity. Leslie hopes her Memphis classmates can gather for dinner soon and would love to see more classmates return for the next St. Mary's reunion.

1988

ANNA MCQUISTON

Pidge Colbet MacDonald is living in Memphis where she started a private aviation catering business in 2023 which serves only planes. She has expanded

operations to both Nashville and Oxford. Her son Whit is a pilot in Maryland and daughter Mallory is in Commercial Real Estate in Memphis. Last year they went to Croatia and this year will be celebrating Thanksgiving in Rio. **Amy Weinberg Pearce's** son Trey is starting his senior year at the University of Georgia and her youngest, Luke is starting his freshman year at the University of Utah. Bobby and Amy are starting empty nesting and she writes, "Thankfully, I have my real estate career that keeps me busy!" **Emily Ragen Smith** was in Memphis in May and we got to catch up. Things in Memphis are good. I continue to run the MidSouth Development District and love it—every day is a new challenge and I am learning so much. Caroline is headed to study in Stockholm this fall and I am looking forward to meeting her over there in December and traveling to see the Northern Lights which is on my bucket list! I hope this finds everyone well... love to you all.



1994

KATHRYN LEIGH DEROSSITT

The class of 1994 celebrates the life and lasting contributions of Carol Lacy, **Sarah Lacy's** mother and St. Mary's retired English teacher, who died in July 2026. Sarah and her family were so touched by the HUGE outpouring of memories and condolences on behalf of



1984 classmates Smitha Gollamudi, Lynn Barlow and Meade Jones Hanna meet in DC for a leisurely lunch

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students and the entire SMS community. Sarah loved seeing **Sophie Askew Parker** and **Mary Evelyn Fore** at the visitation along with teachers Ms. Lyttle, Ms. Vaughan, Ms. Brundige, Ms. Walker, and Ms. Fisher. Sarah says if she forgot any, please forgive her grief brain! Sarah has “unending gratitude” to **Missy Alpert Lurie** who hosted Sarah in her home for two very sad weeks. Before news of her mother’s passing, Sarah wrote in and shared that her family is living at her family’s home in Palm Springs, where it hit 101 degrees! Her eldest, now named Alice, got into her dream San Francisco high school, Bay School in the Presidio. Both kids have new names: Alice and Clover. Alice is a math and engineering whiz who loves elaborate baking—she even made a multilayer cake shaped like an algebra textbook for her teacher. She had a strong year, built confidence and friendships, and is looking forward to high school (and possibly sailing, tennis, or piano). Clover is funny, always drawing, has a great group of friends, and finished the year on the honor roll. Sarah’s partner in life and work, Paul Carr, recently turned in the second novel of his two-book deal with Simon & Schuster! He continues running the bookstores in downtown Palm Springs and San Francisco. Palm Springs had a particularly strong year. Sarah is busy cowriting books and helping launch bestsellers; two projects hit No. 5 on the New York Times list, and her first full co-written book comes out this fall after being named a top fall read by *Publishers Weekly*. More projects are underway. The household still



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includes cats Barracuda, Toodles, and Jasmine, plus dog Radish. They’re hoping for a possible trip to the UK in August. **Virginia Ralston Jaramillo** sends greetings from the southwest coast of Spain in Punta Umbria, where she is visiting her parents and extended family. She and her family will be cheering Spain on in the World Cup final. She hopes everyone is having a wonderful summer! **Jamie Morano Re** shares that she and her husband rediscovered her husband’s extended family in Valencia, Spain, and having returned to Madrid after her international exchange back in 1994 after SMS, she was reminded what a wonderful country with wonderful people it is. They hope to get back to southern Spain soon! Jamie is very thankful to be continuing a medical practice at the VA that stretches across the country—thankfully still intact with all the recent changes. She is

thankful for a wonderful husband and son, and treasuring time with relatives and family from the Florida panhandle to Argentina. She hopes someday to make a bid for surgeon general of Florida, so she is working her way toward rebuilding the medical system of their state. Jamie says to reach out if any classmates get close to Tampa, Florida! **Laura Foster Gettys** and her family traveled this summer to North Carolina. Son Foster is 16 and son Joseph is 14. Both are taller than she is, though she remains in denial that this is possible! Josh continues to enjoy his work at Slingshot in Memphis, a consulting group supporting nonprofits fighting poverty issues. She is in her fifth year at Grace-St. Luke’s Episcopal Church after 12 years at St. Mary’s Cathedral. She works with a lovely team and continues to really enjoy overseeing Community Engagement, which focuses on Justice and Outreach

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Ministries. Her parents will be returning to Memphis and moving into Trezevant Manor after living in Bozeman, Montana, since 2005. The whole family hopes to continue visiting there after the move, since it has been such a special place for them. **Katherine Dudley Gray** wrote in with some kiddo updates! A horror movie called *Obsession* was released in May—it was a low-budget film that “killed” at the box office! Her stepdaughter, Vivian Gray ’18, was the production designer, and the family is so proud of her. Vivian came to Memphis for a special screening at Studio on the Square with Indie Memphis (she was a previous winner of the Indie Memphis Youth Film Festival), which was very cool. She is amazing and on her way! Katherine is also proud to report that their daughter McNaron ’26 will be attending Duke in the fall

to study Music (she is an opera singer) and Neuroscience. Next week, she is headed to Ohio with their daughter Parsons ’29 who is participating in the National Trap Shooting Tournament. Parsons’ list of talents is too long to go into, but Katherine is enjoying living vicariously through her kids! **Sarah Cole-Turner Vincent** writes in and shares that the feeling of being the hired help to her 15-year-old is unfortunately all too real—driver, shopper, general errand runner—though fortunately her daughter appreciates it most of the time. They are watching *Love Island* together this summer, which has been quite the experience! Son Ben is wrapping up virtual high school classes and figuring out what’s next. He completed a college/career transition program with a little internship and is enjoying continuing his music studies in bass, band, and

percussion. Caroline is 100% teen and is enjoying summer theater and art camps as well as getting ready to go to Montreat for the first time. She is working on her learner’s permit. Sarah and husband Hal are just enjoying the slow life this summer—for the first time in a while they did not pack the summer with travel, and it has been nice to just chill and get some house projects done. Sarah switched to a new school district (Guilford/Greensboro) this past year and is so much happier to have a little distance between work and home life. She is also doing some executive function coaching for high school students, which has been fun.

1996

JAIME NEWSOM

As hard as it is to believe, our class celebrated our 30th reunion in April. **Julia Chesney McDonald**, our reunion chair, said this about the event: “The only thing more fun than planning our 30th reunion party was seeing it all come to life. Hilarious gateway to the mid-90s—costumes encouraged, all 90s menu, high-school era playlist, giving MASH predictions and 90s fortunes (“You will drive a Saturn,” “You will win a gift card to U.S. Male”...). It was a portal to a Clinton-era time where we used landline phones, wrote in bubble letters, and rocked wrap skirts and mules. What an unforgettable night with the most amazing classmates! Thanks to everyone who was able to attend, and we certainly missed those who couldn’t make it. I’m already



Class of 1996 classmates at reunion Alexis Nussbaum, Leslie Foreman, Courtney Shove Meadow, Bernice Chen Wen, and Sharlene Sushi Keithly

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scheming for our 35th.” Thank you, Julia, for planning and organizing such a special reunion!! **Lauren Brooks Poindexter** is celebrating daughter Emily Poindexter’s ’26 graduation from St. Mary’s. Emily will be heading to the University of Tennessee Knoxville to study nursing. Congratulations to Emily AND Lauren! **Gwyn Fisher** writes that it was so wonderful catching up with everyone at the reunion. Gwyn is busy with travel, both professionally and personally, traveling to Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Louisiana, Michigan, and Florida—all with only a carry-on suitcase! She is hoping to catch up with **Laura Ray Logue** this summer and is prepping for a home renovation in the fall. It was so wonderful to hear from **Mamie Tinkler**! This was Mamie’s first SMS reunion and she loved connecting with our class and hearing what everybody has been up to – it was like no time had passed! After living in New York since 1996, Mamie has moved to a small town in Pennsylvania. She will continue painting but also looks forward to spending more time on native plant gardening. She has a small cabin in the middle of a large state forest and she and her husband Dave are building a painting studio for her. She also has a solo show in November at the Ulterior Gallery in New York City. If there are any SMS alumnae in the city, she would love to give them a tour! **Sharlene Sidhu Keithley** continues to work for the Desoto and Senatobia Children’s Clinic and travels to the south regularly to work and see family. She is hoping to make more SMS Alumnae Board meetings this year.

Her son is a college sophomore at Miami University (Ohio) and her daughter is a high school senior at St. Mary’s Academy in Denver, CO. She writes that she loves watching her daughter enjoy and relish the experiences of an all-girls high school the same way that we did. My family and I remain in Lisbon and continue to explore and travel as much as our schedules allow. I stay busy playing padel and leading the parents’ group at my daughters’ school. While I wasn’t able to attend the reunion, I was thrilled to be able to chat via Zoom with Sharlene, **Leslie Forell**, **Bernice Chen Wen**, **Andrea Martin Armani**, **Alexis Nussbaum**, **Vivian Gambles Lane**, and **Courtney Ellis Felts** before the main event!

1998

LAURIN MADDUX

Hello Turkeys! I hope everyone is having a great Summer! **Meg Kinnard Hardee** writes that this spring she had a successful round one of reconstruction at MD Anderson. The SMS community showed up big for her when she and husband, Geoffrey, spent time in Houston during her recovery. Now she is back on the campaign trail, feeling thankful for prayer, medicine, and health! **Nupur Sidhu Bal** writes she is also celebrating a milestone! She will take over as the President of the Virginia Bar Association. She writes that she is the youngest to hold that position, and the first woman of color! Way to trailblaze, Nupur! In her free (?) time, she has enjoyed traveling



Tess Ogles, daughter of Dr. Erin Wade '98, started SMP in the Fall.

with her family. **Lauren Webb Mitchell** also mentioned travel in her update. Lauren and her family enjoyed a Spring Break trip to California. She also writes that New York has been really fun lately, with a long, pleasant Spring, The Knicks championship, and the World Cup! Lauren’s oldest son, Henry, is enjoying Summer camp in North Carolina and both boys are busy with day camp the rest of the Summer before they will travel as a family in August. **Erin Wade, MD**, writes that she also celebrated a milestone this Spring. One of her research projects was presented at a national conference! Erin continues to spend her days at Le Bonheur as a Child Abuse Pediatrician. On the homefront, Erin’s daughter, Tess, just finished her first year as a SMS turkey! She writes her son, Frank, is receiving a SMS education vicariously through Tess! I recently ran into **Sally Self Helms** on a walk and she is doing great! Still thriving as an educator

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and Mom to Anna! Life is good here in Memphis. I am enjoying gardening as a new hobby and I am excited that an old hobby, needlepoint, is now becoming more popular! Best Wishes to all of you!



Our class had an incredible spring with so many alums back on campus celebrating our 20th reunion. **Jenay Gipson Boggs** was a champion spearheading an incredible weekend of fun, friendship, food and festivities! To add to the excitement of representing our school, **Katherine Fockler Steele** will be stepping into the role of Alumnae Board President! St. Mary's is adding a few new faces to their flock since **Lindsey Edwards Rushing** and her family have moved back to Memphis after 8 years in PA. She and her husband Cameron will be sending all three of their girls to SMS—Sawyer in 4th grade, Hazel in 3rd grade, and Perry in St. Mary's Place. Just south of town, **Holly Hendrix Vitalis** and her husband Neal are expecting their first child this November! Their summer is now occupied with projects getting ready for baby and consoling their dog Charlie Brown who has been an only child for 7 years! A little further away in California, **Morgan Robbins Paul** and husband Mark welcomed



Morgan Robbins Paul '06 and Evie Lyras Haddad '06 with their babies

their first baby boy, Porter Weston Paul on March 24th, 2026! They are loving their start to parenthood and enjoy strolling around their cute neighborhood. They were able to spend the 4th of July with **Evie Lyras Haddad**, her husband Jordan and their daughter Remi. It's been so nice for them to live so close and have babies just months apart! And most recently, **Madeline Smith Lanigan** welcomed her second baby boy! Logan Twist Lanigan was born on June 27, 2026 joining big brother Liam into the family.

2008

KATELYN AMMONS BARNETT
MARGARET LIDDON EMLEY
EDIE MILLER

Ayana Fletcher-Tyson Brooks and her husband Jonathan welcomed a baby boy in January 2026 and Fletcher William Brooks has been the light of their lives ever since! If you can believe it, his height is off the charts :). Ayana was also excited to spend many days of her maternity leave with **Molly Himmelstein Hollenberg** walking the Upper East Side with their babies! **Estes Gould Hughes** continues to live in Birmingham, Alabama, where she serves as Vice President of Innovation & Talent at the Economic Development Partnership of Alabama and on the



First year SMS girls! The daughters of Lindsey Edwards Rushing '06 (Perry, Sawyer and Hazel)

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OLIVIA NIELSEN
KEITH ELLIS PREST
SABRINA SPENCE

advisory board of SXSW Pitch; Small Magic, an early childhood literacy organization; and BIO Alabama. More importantly, every moment of free time continues to be focused on her two kids: Joseph (4 as of October 2026) and Liza (2 as of December 2026). **Jess Farris Zafarris** will have her fourth published book, *Into the Words: An Etymologist's Field Guide to Plants, Animals, and Nature*, released in November of 2026. She co-hosts the popular YouTube podcast Words Unravelled with Rob Watts, a.k.a. RobWords. Her blog, UselessEtymology.com, has been educating curious word lovers for more than a decade. **Cristen Garrett Cain** welcomed baby boy Eli Burton in January and is enjoying his snuggles and sweet smiles as they settle into the happy chaos of being a family of five.

No matter where they go or what they do, the members of Class of 2018 leave their mark. **Isra Ahmed** graduated from dental school and is excited to start her dental journey at home in Memphis. Since graduating, she's been traveling, visiting fellow turkeys, and competing in monthly trivia with **Alizeh Saeed** and **Sabrina Spence**. **Lucy Chancellor Fowlkes** got married to MUS '16 alum Tom Fowlkes in June in a beautiful ceremony here in Memphis. **Erin Jewell** recently finished her two-year Administrative Fellowship at Duke

Health and accepted a position within the Duke Health system as a Capacity Management Analyst. She'll be working with clinical and operational leaders to optimize ambulatory patient access and growth strategies. **Jessica Lewis** graduated from the University of Florida Levin College of Law. **Mallory MacDonald** is still in Memphis working in the real estate field and actively serving on the Ptolemy Board as Social Chair and on the Events & Programming Committee for the Memphis chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW). **Paige Nielsen** is working at Quarles & Brady LLP as a summer associate in commercial litigation. She's also the Executive Submissions Editor for Volume 34 of the Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies and serves as Student Advisor for the Protective Order Project at Indiana University's Maurer School of Law. **Livia Overton** graduated



Erin Jewell and Assata Smith '18 at Clark Atlanta University Homecoming



Isra Ahmed '18 earned her DDS from UT Health Sciences



Sabrina Spence '18 and Gabby Taylor '14 showing turkey pride at a sorority conference in Birmingham, AL

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Lucy Chancellor Fowlkes '18 and her husband Tom at their wedding February 22, 2025

from Columbia College Chicago with a BFA in Fashion Design and has been killing it in the fashion industry over the past year. She worked as a TA in Fashion Patternmaking & Construction at Columbia College, interned with Maria Pinto, and displayed her work at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry's Earth Day Fashion Show, Driehaus Design Initiative's Designer Showcase, and debuted a seven-look collection at her final senior runway. In August, she'll move to the "City of Light" (Paris), to pursue an MFA in Fashion Design & the Arts from Parsons School of Design.



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MAGGIE ROSENBLUM
ALEXANDRA TOULIATOS

Alexandra Touliatos graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Oklahoma after a busy senior year, during which she served as President of Wall Street Sooners, studied abroad in Costa Rica and Panama, and spoke at TEDxOU. She also traveled through Chile and Europe before celebrating her engagement, purchasing her first home, and beginning her career as an Investment Banking Analyst with RBC Capital Markets in Houston, Texas. **Jane Chancellor** graduated *magna cum laude* from



Isra Ahmed and Alizeh Saeed visiting Sneha Sharma '18 in New York City

Louisiana State University and is back in Memphis for her master's in Occupational Therapy at The University of Tennessee Health Science Center. **Caroline West** graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of William &



Anna Scott, Olivia House, Evelyn Roberts, Allison McCown, Evie Laney, Martha Kay Williams, Grace Murray, Hattie Fogarty, Claire Daniel, Baker Baine, and Jenna Joshi with Lucy Chancellor Fowlkes '18 at her wedding

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Mary with a B.A. in Psychology and a minor in History. She is currently pursuing her master's in Elementary Education at William & Mary with her cat, Roo, and hopes to remain in Virginia to begin her career as an elementary school teacher. This September, **Lucy Nassif** will travel to Samarkand, Uzbekistan, where she will spend the next year teaching English through the Princeton in Asia Fellowship. **Gracie Gerhart** graduated from the University of Virginia and is relocating to Dallas, Texas, to begin her career as an Investment Banking Analyst with Goldman Sachs. **Maggie Rosenblum** graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill after serving as captain of the Carolina Mock Trial team and volunteering as a Guardian ad Litem advocate in Orange

County, North Carolina. She will begin her J.D. at the University of Tennessee Winston College of Law this August. **Mary Morrow** graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in Accounting and is interning with Deloitte before beginning her master's in Accounting this fall. **Amelia Dowling** is heading to Clemson University to pursue her Ph.D. in Chemistry. **Louise Laney** graduated from the University of Alabama with B.S. degrees in Finance and Economics and is moving to Dallas, Texas, to begin her career as a Capital Markets Analyst with JLL.



Sabrina Spence, Alizeh Saeed, Isra Ahmed, Lauren Moore, Sneha Sharma, Adalyn Meeks, and Lauren Moore '18 at dinner