

# alumni news

## GASTON DAY SCHOOL

### 2019

Congratulations to the following seniors who were recognized with awards during commencement ceremonies on June 1, 2019:

**Annabelle Fulghum**

Alumni Association Award

**Grace Vercauteren**

Julie Rankin Civils Service Award

**Ty Owens**

Vann Matthews Spirit Award

**Max Wright**

J.B. Davis Headmaster's Award

### 2018

**Nate Hinton** had a successful freshman year playing basketball at the University of Houston, where he played in all 37 games for the Cougars, including in the American Athletic Conference Championship and the NCAA Tournament Regionals. Nate was named to the 2018-19 American All-Freshman Team and was named The American Freshman of the Week on Jan. 7, 2019 following a 19-point game against Memphis. Nate stopped by campus in May for a quick workout before heading to Italy with his teammates to play for several weeks.

### 2016

**Anna-Taylor Harbin** was one of 30 students selected for membership in the Clemson University chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society this spring, and was also selected for membership into the 43rd class of the Order of Athena Chapter of Mortar Board at Clemson, a national honor society recognizing college seniors for superior achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service. Anna-Taylor will graduate in December 2019 with a degree in biology.



### 2015

Congratulations to **Conrad L. Sloand**, who graduated magna cum laude from St. Lawrence University with a liberal arts degree in government and business. Conrad was one of more than 600 students who were awarded bachelor degrees from St. Lawrence University during Commencement ceremonies on May 19, 2019, in Canton, New York.

### 2010

**Sheran Hussain** has been promoted to manager of the Inside Sales Department at OneDome, a British-based on-line property company that helps buyers find a home, secure a mortgage and legal services, and move into their new home. In addition, Sheran oversees 10 employees in OneDome's concierge and activation departments. He's been with the company for two years, and currently lives in London.

### 2009

**Elizabeth Noblett** was one of many area NC State graduates on campus on March 14 to greet Dr. Randy Woodson, the Chancellor of NC State University, when he spoke to parents, students and guests about the growth and development at the state's largest public research university. Elizabeth is completing veterinary school at NC State.



**Alexandria Kapczynski** passed her Ph.D. Special Fields Exams with Distinction, and won two teaching awards at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where she is currently an English - Writing Studies Doctoral Candidate. "I credit GDS AP English classes (especially Lori Davis), for informing my pedagogy,

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publishing, and scholarship. *Blutopia* was the first place I was ever published, and those Scholastic Gold Key certificates are still on my office bookshelf!" In addition to teaching introductory research & composition courses, she teaches advanced composition courses on "Writing Across Media" in



Informatics/Writing Studies. She won The Ruth Schurman Brookens Graduate Award for a female graduate student demonstrating excellence in the teaching of first-year writing and UIUC's English Department Undergraduate Teaching Award. For the past 5 semesters at UIUC, Alexis has been ranked in the "Excellence in Teaching" student evaluation category which marks the top 10% of instructors at the university, and last month earned The Donald A. Smalley Fellowship for the upcoming Fall and Spring Semesters.

## 2008

**Charlie Modlin** earned his Ph.D. in chemistry in 2018 at Emory University, where his work focused on engineering customizable nanoscale biomaterials. He is now an account manager with Lhasa Limited, a pharmaceutical software company in Leeds, U.K..

## 2007

**Russell Boloyan** and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a son, Everett Steven, at 7:41 a.m. on March 27, 2019. Everett weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Congratulations to the Boloyan family!



**John Rudisill** has joined the Atlanta, GA office of KPMG as a machine learning engineer.

Congratulations to **Kevin Moody** and his wife, Alison, on the birth of their son, Parker David Moody, born April 3, 2019 at 11:05 am. Parker weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. The Moody family lives in Huntersville.



## 2002

**Anne Cloninger** recently opened *Nest + Canvas*, a creative space for art lessons, workshops, parties, and jewelry design at 1121 E. Garrison Blvd. in Gastonia. Anne attended the Savannah College of Art and Design, graduating with a Bachelors of Fine Art in Fashion Design, with a minor in Accessory Design in 2006. "I believe everyone - child, teen, and adult - has a creative spark in them. By experiencing art, crafts, and other creative outlets, we learn new ways to embrace ideas, challenges, problem solving, understanding, personal growth, and intellectual development. Plus being creative, whether or not you believe in your own personal creativity, is just plain fun!"



## 2000

**Jay Little** was recently promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Air Force. He title is Chief, Service Operations Division, Air Force Network Integration Center at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois. Jay, his wife, Dr. Leanne Powner and their fur babies reside in Mascoutah, Illinois.



## 1997

Congratulations to **Clay Connor** and his wife, Meredith, on the birth of their son, John (Jack) Everett, on June 6, 2019. Jack weighed 8 lbs., 10 oz. Clay, Meredith and Jack live in Atlanta, GA. Jack is the grandson of long-time GDS receptionist **Kathy Connor** and her husband, John.

## 1988

**Dr. Andy Digh**, Associate Professor of Computer Science at Mercer University in Macon, GA, is the 2019 recipient of the Joe and Jean Hendricks Excellence in Teaching Award, the premier teaching award given by the University each year to recognize an outstanding teacher who challenges and inspires teaching in and out of the classroom, actively engages students in the process of learning and leadership, and motivates students and junior faculty to achieve their highest aspirations. Congratulations, Andy!



## 1986

**Beth Guinn Beam** was recently named to serve on the Community Tennis Associations Committee at the national level for the USTA. Beth has spent the last 5 years volunteering for USTA Southern Section, and 9 years for USTA North Carolina, currently serving as Vice President for the Board of Directors Management Committee. When not volunteering, she works for DXC Technology, formerly Computer Sciences Corporation.



Christina Frost Price, Susan Turner, Beth Guinn Beam and Kim Nixon Sudderth, members of the Class of 1986, enjoyed time together recently in Charlotte.

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