

alumni news

GASTON DAY SCHOOL

2016

Congratulations to **Nolan Dee**, who was named to the Fall 2018 Dean's List at Wofford College. Nolan spent the month of January as an internship associate at the political consulting firm, FP1 Strategies, LLC, in Washington, D.C., and will return to D.C. this summer as an investment and development intern for Johnson Development Associates.

Taylor Lawing, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill, is serving an internship in the office of NC Attorney General Josh Stein, working on women's advancement issues in the workforce across North Carolina.

Last year, Taylor interned with the office of Governor Roy Cooper in Raleigh, serving as both a communication and research intern, focusing on women's issues. Taylor has been active in grassroots organizing at Chapel Hill, where she is developing her leadership skills through student lead projects and causes.



2014

Taylor Hampton*, The Juilliard School, 2018, has begun her master's program at DePaul University, where she studies with world-renowned marimba artist She-e Wu. Taylor, who attended Gaston Day from K through 9th grade and studied piano, flute and percussion here, credits her academic preparation at Gaston Day for her success at Juilliard and DePaul. She can be heard locally on occasion playing percussion with the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra.



2013

Kathryn Oden has been cast as Madame de la Grand Bouche (aka The Wardrobe)

in Western Carolina University's spring production of Beauty and the Beast. The show will run April 11-14 at the Bardo Arts Center at WCU.



2012

Natalia Sanchez recently earned her Master's Degree in Music Education from Indiana University and is teaching at Purdue University as a limited-term lecturer, and is a clarinet instructor for several local schools in the LaFayette area. Gaston Day has been fortunate to have Natalia return to campus to play on several occasions with the student orchestra. Thanks, Natalia!

2008

Congratulations to **Ellen Saltmarsh** and

Dan Zurlo, who were married on October 27, 2018. Ellen works for Synchrony Bank as a member of the team marketing the DICK'S Sporting Goods credit program, and Dan is a fisheries biologist.

They met while undergrads at the College of Charleston, and now live in Charlotte. Congratulations, Ellen and Dan!



2006

Congratulations to **Tim Senter** and his wife, Becca, on the birth of their son, Luke David, on February 12. Tim and his family live in Arlington, MA.

2002

Chris Campbell challenged Gaston Day students to become "comfortable having uncomfortable discussions" about issues involving race, diversity and inclusion during his very personal and compelling keynote Black History Month talk on

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SPARTAN ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

February 11. Chris, who is a director in the Atlanta office of Northwestern Mutual Insurance, thanked his high school math teacher, **Donna Nifong**, for "holding me accountable personally and academically," and encouraged the student body to embrace and appreciate the opportunities that they're given at Gaston Day.



Chris Campbell, second from left, was joined by fellow GDS alumni Levi Houser, left, Dean of Students Josh Lutkus, and Torben Bynum, right, following Chris' presentation to students on February 11.

IN MEMORIAM

Cathy Harvey, former *Gaston Day* parent and volunteer, January 10, 2019. Cathy was a vibrant part of the GDS community for many years, and our sympathies are extended to her husband, Ken, and their children, **Shelton*** 1997, **Beau*** 2000, **Laurel*** 2000, **Charlotte*** 2007* and **Chip*** 2009.

Carrington Thompson*, *Class of 1975*, January 16, 2019. Gaston Day sympathies are extended to Carrington's wife, Suzanne, and their daughter, Hayden Elizabeth. As the son of one of the school's founders, Landon Thompson, Carrington kept close ties to Gaston Day School after graduating from Oak Ridge Academy. He and his family were most recently on campus in June to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary.

Shawn Dunnagan, 1980 and members of the 1977, 1978 and 1979 women's basketball teams were inducted into the Spartan Athletic Hall of Fame on January 25. A three-sport star in her time at GDS playing volleyball, basketball, and softball, Shawn was known as a team spark plug and the consummate teammate. Shawn attended Salem College where she petitioned the school to begin a volleyball team in order to increase opportunities for females to participate in college athletics. She returned to GDS to teach PE in the late '80s and early '90s. **Shawn** was joined by her team-mates **Miriam Dixon, Lucy Doster Poche, Coach Judy Joye, Carol Doster Hannah, Catherine Carstarphen, Lee Doster Ward, Teemi Haith-**

cox Caskey, Stephanie Rauch, Alice Stowe Matthews, and Julie Alsobrooks Dellinger for the Hall of Fame dinner and induction ceremony. Over the course of these three seasons (all of which culminated with a state championship), the combined record of the three teams was 79-5, which was part of a five year run with an overall record of 123 wins and 10 losses, and a record-breaking streak of 98 consecutive wins in the conference. Of particular note: the 1977 team won the first state title in Gaston Day School history, and this winter commemorates the 40th anniversary of their 1979 title. Congratulations to Shawn, her team-mates, and coach Joye.



From left, Miriam Dixon, Lucy Doster Poche, Coach Judy Joye, Carol Doster Hannah, Catherine Carstarphen, Lee Doster Ward, Teemi Haithcox Caskey, Stephanie Rauch, Alice Stowe Matthews, and Julie Alsobrooks Dellinger joined Shawn Dunnagan, right, on Thursday, January 24 for the Hall of Fame Dinner prior to the induction ceremony on Friday during Homecoming activities.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to the following faculty and staff members on the arrival of their new little Spartans!

Trent McCallister, daughter **Lennon Elise** on Dec. 18, 2018

Kristen Litchford, daughter **Cora Elizabeth** on Jan. 6, 2019

Lindsie Chapman, son **Stogner Nash** on Feb. 6, 2019

Amber Ramkissoon, son **Judah Lee** on Feb. 8, 2019

Davidson Hobson, son **Davidson Robert** on Feb. 12, 2019

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