

alumni news

GASTON DAY SCHOOL

2012

Sarah Noblett joined Leaderboard Branding, a global brand consultancy firm located in Charlotte, in January. Sarah is part of the creative department, where her main role is to create names for new consumer products.



a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Rhetorical Theory at the University of Minnesota where she works across the Departments of Writing Studies and Communication Studies.

2008

Congratulations to **Catherine Nason** and Carl Zimmerman, who were married on June 1, 2019. Catherine is the AVP of Lowe's Consumer Marketing at Synchrony and Carl is the Assistant Show Manager for The Southern Farm Show at Southern Shows Inc., his family company. They met in Charlotte 5 years ago. Congratulations, Catherine and Carl!



2011

Brooke Conrad has been accepted into Georgetown University's Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. She'll begin the two-year program in January 2020. Currently, Brooke is nurse in the cardiac intensive care unit for the Carilion Clinic in Roanoke, VA. "I'm excited about this next step in my career!" she said.



Happy anniversary to **Charles Nason** and Mackenzie Walley, who were married on October 13, 2018. Mackenzie is a pediatric physical therapist and Charles will complete dental school at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in May 2020. The two are planning to move back to Gastonia next summer. Congratulations, Charles & Mackenzie!



We would love to hear your latest news!

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2010

Congratulations to **Molly Gibson Mays**, who was named one of High Point University's Top 10 Under 10 Young Alumni during the 2019 Alumni Awards Ceremony on October 25. The award recognizes alumni who have graduated within the past decade and have exhibited outstanding achievements in their chosen profession.



2009

Rachel Presley successfully defended her dissertation, "Decolonizing Dissent: Mapping Indigenous Resistance onto Settler Colonial Land," and graduated with her Ph.D. from the School of Communication Studies at Ohio University. She is now



2002

Andrea Grenier Schrift was named the Director of Communications and Events at the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce in August.

1996

A dozen current and former Gaston Day parents, grandparents, faculty and staff members joined Gaston

Day graduate and best-selling author **Wiley Cash** at the Loray Mill in September for “Whiskey with Wiley,” a question and answer session and whiskey sampling presented by the Gaston County History Museum. Wiley’s recent novel, *The Last Ballad*, is based on the life of Ella Mae Wiggins, who was killed during a labor strike at the former textile mill in 1929.



Photo courtesy of the Gaston County History Museum

From left, Merry Deely, Vicky McKenna, Lucy Penegar, Cindy Clark, Marianna Davis, **Wiley Cash**, Lauren and Nathan Lebioda, Carrie and Anthony Duran, and Trent and Ashley McCallister

1982

Congratulations to **Bill Carstarphen**, who received the prestigious Spirit of the Carolinas Award on October 17. The award, which is presented by the Gaston Regional Chamber of Commerce during the Annual Salute to Business and Manufacturing, is given to a local business leader who has shown commitment and success within the free enterprise system, leadership within their particular industry, and citizenship within their community. Bill, who is CEO of Pharr USA, told the Gaston Gazette: “This is an incredible honor for me. This award is especially meaningful because my father also



received the same award several decades ago.” Congratulations to Bill and the entire Carstarphen family! Photo courtesy of John Clark, *The Gaston Gazette*

1975

Gaston Day sympathies are extended to **Meredith Albright Shorkey** and her sister-in-law and former Lower School faculty member, Nancy Wetzell Albright, on the death of their brother and husband, Alan Albright, on November 2, 2019.

Thanks to the **Gaston Day Parents’ Association**, you can now watch basketball and volleyball games live using the new Pixelot camera system in the Henry Activity Center gym. To watch the games, create an account at <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/> (there are different subscription levels to choose from). Once logged in, search for the GDS page and enjoy watching Spartan home games.

Mark your calendars for the annual **Homecoming and Spartan Athletic Hall of Fame** celebrations on Friday, January 24! Here’s the line-up:

- 4:00 pm, JV Boys’ Basketball vs. Hickory Grove
- 5:30 pm, Varsity Girls’ Basketball vs. Hickory Grove, with Hall of Fame recognition following the game
- 7:00 pm, Varsity Boys’ Basketball vs. Hickory Grove, with Homecoming Court ceremonies at half-time

The **Alumni Bell**, a gift from the Class of 2007, is staying at GDS for a third year in a row after Gaston Day Spartan athletes defeated Gaston Christian 6-1 in the annual “Battle for the Bell” in September. The Spartans kept the title with wins in Girls Varsity and Middle School Volleyball, Boys Varsity and Middle School Soccer, Girls Tennis, and Girls Golf.



Gaston Day alumni and parents were on hand Sunday, September 8, when Appalachian State’s soccer team took on American University in Boone. From left, **Ty Owens ‘19**, **Bizzi Grimm ‘19**, **Bailey Gardin ‘18**, **Sam Morrison ‘19**, **Evie Polen ‘19**, and **Annabell Fulghum ‘19**, were there to cheer on their friend and classmate, **Max Wright ‘19**, (not pictured), who plays soccer for American University. ASU won 1-0.

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