

# Heritage Academy

## Alumni News

Spring 2010

### Alumna Mary Cox meets third grade classes



**Mary Cox** a 2009 Heritage graduate is in her first year at the United States Naval Academy. Third graders at Heritage Elementary are following Mary and will graduate from 6th grade when Mary graduates from Annapolis. She came to visit Mrs. Mary Beth Barnard and Mrs. Pam Russell's classes during her Christmas break. The students enjoyed meeting Mary and learning about the Naval Academy. Pictured above with Mary are: Josh Taylor (**John Taylor '88**), Moak Griffin (**Moak '87** and **Mary Frances Caldwell Griffin '88**), Mary Virginia Fields (**Caroline Dahlke Fields '85**), Lores Sharp (**Louis '88** and **Amy Lowe Sharp '94**).

### Alumna & Designer Arden Franklin



**Arden Franklin**, a 1974 graduate of Heritage, has many talents and interests which revolve around design. While living in Birmingham, Arden began designing and sewing dresses. She specialized in using vintage fabrics and has written a book [Sewing with Fabulous Vintage Fabrics](#). Arden then expanded to

sewing for the home. She started making beautiful slipcovers. Arden moved back to Columbus and began teaching. When the graphic design business exploded with the use of computers, Arden decided to get her masters in technology education from Mississippi State University. Check out Arden's website at [www.ardenfranklin.info](http://www.ardenfranklin.info).

### Chattanooga Wakes Up With Alumnus Brian Smith



**Brian Smith** attended Heritage for 12 years. He graduated in 1995. He then graduated from Mississippi State University in Broadcast Meteorology. While at State he was a storm chaser and a member of SKYWARN. He chased storms in the Midwest as well as Hurricanes Francis and

George. After graduation Brian became the morning meteorologist in Austin, Minnesota, and a year later chief meteorologist. After enough of Minnesota snow, he became the co-host and morning meteorologist for WDEF-TV in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He is part of a two person team titled "Rachel and Brian in the Mornings." Along with his forecasting duties, Brian hosts a Home Improvement segment and NASCAR segment. Brian is certified by the American Meteorological Society and holds its Seal of Approval.

Brian developed a "Weather in the Classroom" program for elementary schools educating over 25,000 students about what to do in severe weather. He is on the Executive Board and District Chairman for the Boy Scouts of the Chattanooga area. He is a Big Brother and United Way volunteer. Brian developed a Christmas tree and ornaments donation program for the Salvation Army.

Brian, his wife Rebecca, and their two dogs host a Foreign exchange student from Holland and have hosted a student from Germany.

**Heritage Academy Class of 2010**  
cordially invite you to the dedication of  
"The Heritage House"  
April 25th at 2:00  
1031 Kidd Road, Caledonia, Mississippi

## Ian Turner Flying High

**Ian Turner** class of 2003 graduated from the Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training at Columbus Air Force Base on Friday, February 19. Ian graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in May of 2008 and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. Having completed his 54-week pilot training program at CAFB, he was awarded the C-5 Galaxy aircraft Dover AFB, Delaware. This is the largest US military aircraft in the world.

### Alumna Lindsay Bean & Campus Crusade for Christ



**Lindsay Bean** class of 2005 is currently interning with Campus Crusade for Christ at Mississippi State University. Lindsay graduated from Mississippi State with a degree in Marketing in May of 2009. Her time consists of “sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with girls on campus and discipling those who are seeking to grow in their walk with the Lord.” Lindsay is convinced that before any student wants to change his or her life and live for the Lord he or she needs to hear the basics.

## Twelve Alumni Children Among the Class of 2010



This year twelve children of alumni will graduate from Heritage on May 14. Pictured above are: Front row left to right, John Charles Cesare son of **Kathy Rhett Cesare** (class of 1975), Buck Bateman son of **Doug Bateman** (class of 1977), Cody McClanahan son of **Robert McClanahan** (class of 1975), Morgan Lott daughter of **Tobi Lott** (class of 1978), Caroline Borland daughter of **Frances Jones Borland** (class of 1978), and Boyd Hardy son of the late **Allen Hardy** (class of 1977). Back row left to right, Madison Ford daughter of **Norman Ford** (class of 1982), Jase Dalrymple son of **Robin Taylor Dalrymple** (class of 1983), Matt Dickey son of the late **Kim Keys Dickey** (class of 1979), Chase Pridmore daughter of **Scott Pridmore** (class of 1980), and Will Swedenburg son of **Mary Margaret Phillips Swedenburg** (class of 1984). Not pictured is Ann Marie Chilcutt daughter of **Jack Chilcutt** (class of 1981) Congratulations to the entire class of 2010!

## Homecoming 2010

The date has been set and plans are underway for **Homecoming 2010**. Please join us Friday, September 17th. Friday's events begin with the **Homecoming Assembly** at 10:30. The Alumni guest speaker will be **Tal Hicks** class of 1980. **The Annual Alumni & Friends Hamburger Supper** will be held at 5:30 in the foyer of the gymnasium. Alumni eat free and friends and families are welcome! Come out and watch the Heritage Patriots. Kickoff will be at 7:00.

The class of 1980 is planning its 30th reunion. The class is planning to attend all Friday events, Saturday lunch at Proffitt's Porch, and Saturday night at the home of Welissa Weiss Rader. Please email Tricia Humphries Garner at [virginiagarner@aol.com](mailto:virginiagarner@aol.com). The class of 1985 is planning its 25th reunion. Please contact Mike Corbell at [caddycruzier1967@aol.com](mailto:caddycruzier1967@aol.com). The class of 1990 & 2000 are also planning reunions. We hope to see you!



# ALUMNI NEWS

1987

**David Gatewood** and his wife Tina announce the birth of their son Lucas Alexander on December 8. The family lives in Columbus.

1988

**Kelly McIver Trout** and her husband Greg announce the birth of their son Gregory Patrick born February 12. Also welcoming their new brother are big sisters Gabrielle and Abigail Blair.

1992

**Jason Wheeler** and Emily Danielle Johnson were married December 29 in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

**John Dowdle** and his wife Amy announce the birth of their daughter Ava Marie born February 8. Also welcoming Ava Marie are Emma Kate and J.R. The family lives in Columbus.

1997

**Jessica Harper Moore** and her husband Lance announce the birth of their son James Harper born August 13. Also welcoming Harper are big sisters Julia and Catherine. The family lives in Columbus.

1997

**Emily Waters Norris** and her husband Brock announce the birth of their son Waters Sloan on February 9. Also welcoming Waters are 5 year old Stella Pope and 4 year old Brockton. The family lives in Daphne, AL.

1999

**James Wamble** and his wife Paige announce the birth of their son James Edward Wamble IV on January 26. James and Paige also have a two year old daughter Taylor Leigh. The family lives in Hattiesburg, MS.

2000

**Ashley Willcutt Thompson** and her husband Brent announce the birth of their daughter Caroline Brooke on June 27. They live in Columbus where Ashley teaches third grade at New Hope Elementary.

2001

**Tyler Robertson** and **Suzi McConnell** (class of 2003) were married on November 21 at Annunciation Catholic Church in Columbus. Tyler is in the sales department at Premier Ford, and Suzi is a manager trainee at Belk.

**Andrew Wamble** and his wife Linda announce the birth of their son Nathan Eli on January 25. They have a two year old son Andrew Wayne Wamble, Jr. The family lives in Madison, MS.

2002

**Dustin Goley** and Jean Marie Manning were married October 3 at the Amzi Love-Lincoln Homes' garden in Columbus.

**Olivia Ulbrich** was named Teacher of the Year at Cook Elementary Fine Arts Magnet School. She did her practice teaching under Mrs. Susan Baird at Heritage Elementary.

2003

**Gray Flora** is currently a Master of Education candidate in Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

**Amanda Zimmerman Avera** and her husband Tripp announce the birth of twins Charles Tripp and Cynthia Griffin born December 11. The family lives in Murfreesboro, TN.

2004

**Shawn Gates** and Kristen Nicole Calahan were married in Vernon, AL, on September 13. He is head football coach at Immanuel Christian School in Columbus.

2005

**Kayla Leist** graduated from the University of Alabama with a nursing degree. She is working at the University of Alabama at Birmingham - West as a registered nurse.

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# Heritage Helps Haiti

Students donated more  
than 5000 items  
&  
over \$540

## HERITAGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BEGINS 2010 CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all alumni who have donated to Heritage Academy through our Alumni Association. As we begin a new year, we are starting our 2010 campaign. We are asking all alumni to donate \$20.10. Thank you for your support!

**Yes! I would like to support Heritage Academy with my tax deductible gift.**

**Send your donation to: Heritage Academy, 625 Magnolia Lane, Columbus, MS 39705.**

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