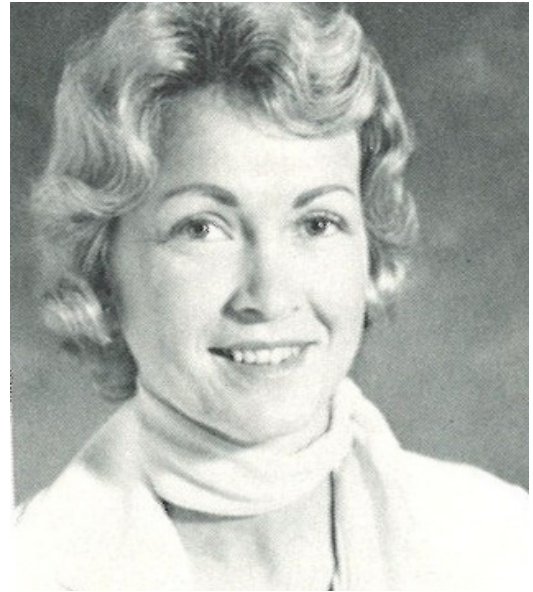


BELL TOWER NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2025



MRS. DAPHNE MASON TO ADDRESS THE CLASS OF 2025



Mrs. Daphne Mason is a cornerstone of both PEA and Fuqua School will address the Class of 2025 during this year's graduation on May 26th. She earned her Bachelor of Arts, majoring in English and History, from Westhampton College (University of Richmond), and her Master of Arts in English from Longwood College (University). Mrs. Mason taught from the Fall of 1962 until June 2005, impacting the lives of countless students with her wisdom and passion. Early in her career, Mr. Reed expressed his gratitude, saying, "Thank you for five wonderful years of teaching at PEA, for your spirit, cooperation, and understanding. Teachers like you are the ones who have made our school's mission a success." I believe those words still ring true today.

**2025 Commencement will be held May 23rd at 6:00pm
Upper School Campus at the Bell Tower.**

HONORING COACH BETH FORE



The Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association will recognize Coach Beth Fore with the Silver Anniversary Legacy Award on May 5th at their 25th Anniversary Dinner.

The Silver Anniversary Legacy Award recognizes the visionaries who laid the foundation for VISAA and helped it flourish. Their leadership, commitment to fair play, and unwavering belief in the power of athletics was instrumental in shaping VISAA into the strong, supportive community it is today—one that seamlessly balances academic excellence with athletic achievement.

The honorees truly embody the values at the heart of VISAA: building character, inspiring excellence, and fostering respect and teamwork across our diverse member schools.



“BUILDING TOGETHER, SOARING BEYOND”

We are thrilled to announce that Richard Epperson Consulting, LLC is serving as the consultant for our "Building Together, Soaring Beyond" Capital Campaign.

Richard Epperson, a 1975 PEA graduate and the only individual to serve as Headmaster for both PEA and Fuqua School, brings unparalleled expertise in fundraising and institutional advancement. His remarkable career includes serving as Athletic Director and Assistant VP for Institutional Advancement at Hampden-Sydney College, where he helped lead transformative facility improvements and strategic initiatives. In recent years, his fundraising efforts have also benefited Longwood University and Richard Bland College of William and Mary.

Richard and his wife, Debbie Dunn Epperson '74, reside in Farmville and remain deeply connected to our community.

Richard shared:

"I am excited to partner with Fuqua School once again and to reconnect with loyal parents, alumni, and friends to ensure our school thrives for many years to come."



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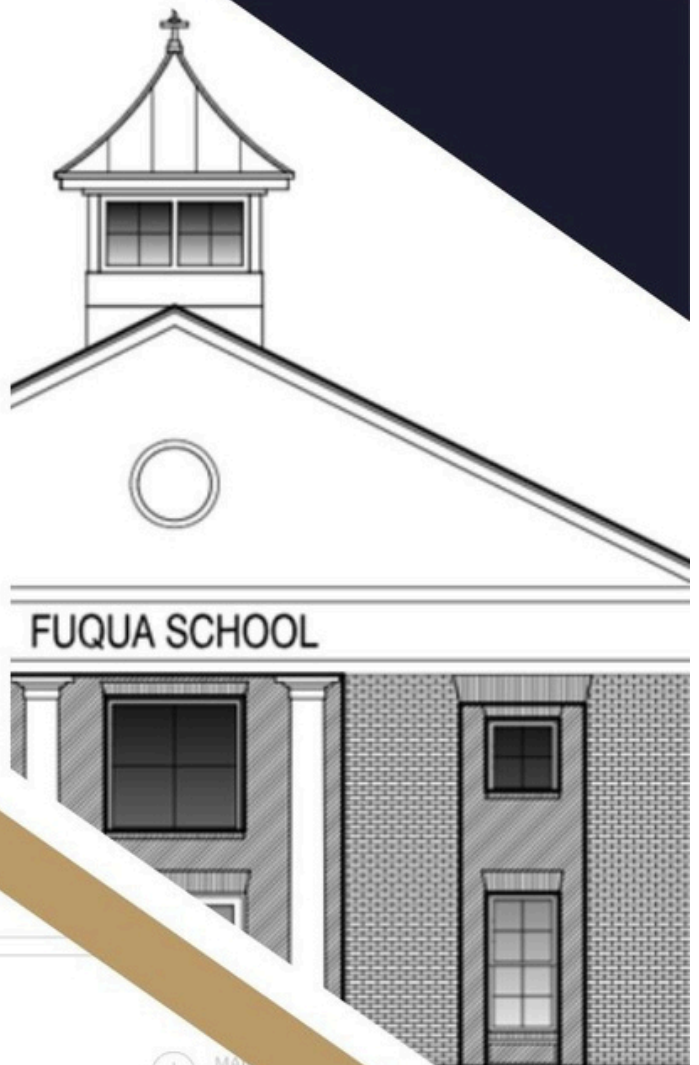
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ALUMNI SUPPORT

The first word that comes to our minds when we think of Fuqua School is family. A family makes you feel loved, safe, supported, and valued as a unique individual. A family aspires for you to be successful and to become a caring citizen who gives back to the community. Fuqua certainly demonstrates these characteristics of a family.

Our family members who join us as alumni include our four siblings, our son, daughter, daughter-in-law, three nephews, and two nieces. Fuqua continues to be a family affair as our two beautiful graddaughters are current Lower School students. Whether they are happily chanting cheers in the car or running to greet and hug fellow students of all ages on and off campus, their school pride shines brightly.

In appreciation for the quality education that we and our children received and in hopes that Fuqua School will thrive for many generations to come, we wholeheartedly and excitedly support the

“Building Together, Soaring Beyond” Capital Campaign.

As Benjamin Franklin once said,
“An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.”

God bless the Fuqua Family
and the new Upper School project!
Go Falcons!

Cary Stokes '70 &
Sarah Evans Stokes '70



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

SAVE THE DATE

Plans are being made for the next inductions into the Prince Edward Academy/Fuqua School Athletic Hall of Fame. Please plan to join us on **October 17, 2025.**

Established in 1999, the Athletic Hall of Fame honors those who have made lasting contributions by their outstanding achievement in athletics or service to the athletics program. The Hall of Fame inducts not only former athletes, but also coaches, administrators, and others who have contributed to our rich athletic history. In addition, "Special Citations" are awarded to recognize individuals making similar contributions in supportive roles.

To be eligible for selection, the candidate's most recent contribution in high school athletics must have occurred five or more years prior to his/her induction. Consideration is given to All-State, All-Conference, MVP, and other similar awards, as well as team captaincy, how the individual compared to other athletes during their time, and leadership.

Please use the following link to review the members of the Athletic Hall of Fame. If there is an athlete you believe should join this list of worthy Wolverines and Falcons, please submit a [nomination form](mailto:franktm@fuquaschool.org) at franktm@fuquaschool.org.



1997 VAAC CHAMPIONS

50th Anniversary Celebration of the 1974 VAAC Champions

The 1974 Prince Edward Academy Varsity Football team recently reunited to commemorate the 50th anniversary of their remarkable championship season. The evening was filled with nostalgia, as former players shared stories and celebrated the unforgettable moments from a season that saw the team allow only 34 points throughout the regular season, including an impressive six shutout games.

This exceptional squad not only showcased their skills on the field but also demonstrated the camaraderie and determination that led them to clinch the VAAC Championship. The celebration was a fitting tribute to a group that made history and created lasting memories for everyone involved.

Here's to the 1974 champions—thank you for the incredible legacy!



SKEETER FORE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Date Change Announcement:

The Skeeter Fore Memorial Tournament has been rescheduled! This year, the event will take place on **October 18th**, moving from the traditional Father's Day Weekend.

The tournament will still be held at the beautiful
Manor Golf Course.

Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches—we can't wait to see you there!



REUNIONS

**Classes Ending in 0 and 5
Wolverine or Falcon -
Let's Talk Reunion!**



The Office of Alumni Affairs wants to reminisce with all of you, hear your stories, and celebrate your coming together after all these years. Each year the Alumni Office holds activities where alumni can come together on campus. If you need help planning your class reunion, connecting with classmates, or just brainstorming ideas about getting your class together, the Alumni office is here to help

Contact Tammy @ franktm@fuquaschoolorg

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1975

June 7th
Charley's Waterfront Cafe

Class of 1982

October 11th
More info coming

Class of 1985

Fall 2025
More info to follow

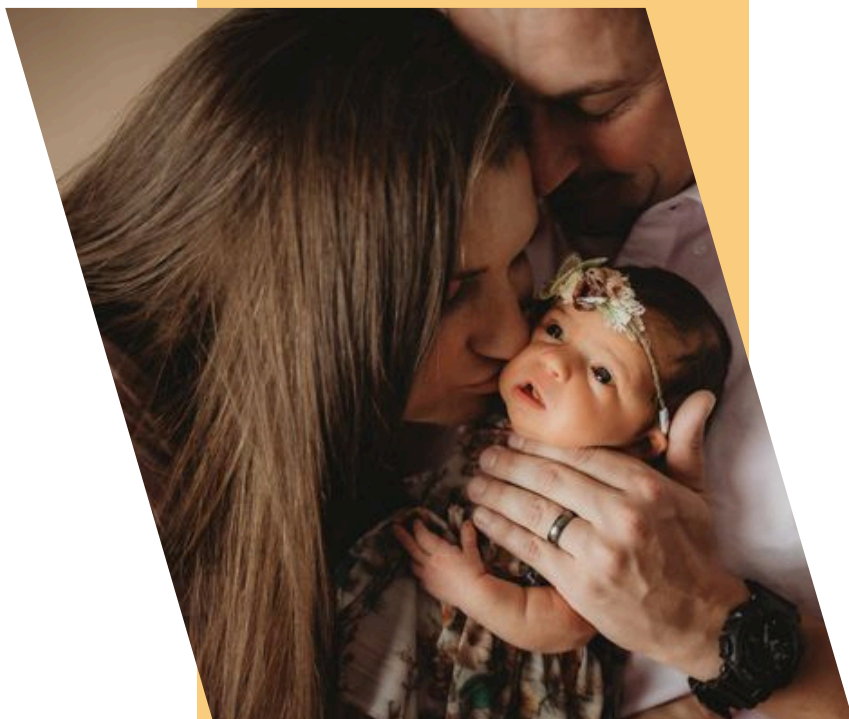
Class of 1965

June 6th & 7th
Friday
Three Roads Brewery
Saturday
Charley's Waterfront Cafe

Class of 1980

September 27th
Fuqua School Campus
Upper School Library
More info coming

ALUMNI BIRTHS



Therrie French White '14 and Cody welcomed a baby girl. Therrie is the daughter of HA French '87 & Jenifer Norwood.



Julianna Ferrell Reeves '07 , & husband Tom welcome a second son.



Trey Ellington '05 & wife Madison along with daughter Mac welcome their second daughter Anne. Trey is the son of Johnny '82 and Judy Lawhorn Ellington '81.



Clayton Worrell '12 and Claudia Sadler '16 along with Atlee and Annabelle welcome their second daughter Clara Francis.

ALUMNI NEWS



Caleb Gaines '12 and wife Madison welcome son Layne.



Michaela Atkinson '13 welcomes son Patrick. Michaela is the daughter of Robert Atkinson '76.



Michelle Wheeler '11 welcomes daughter Wrenley Hazel.

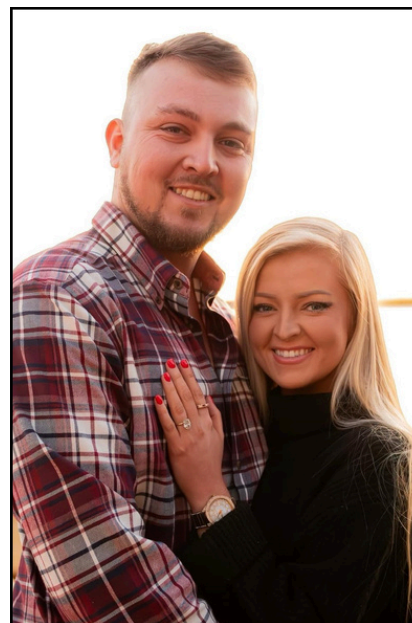


Brittany Richardson Webb '08, husband John and son Cooper welcomed their second son Cameron Scott in August. Brittany is the daughter of Debbie Parker Richardson '78 and Ronnie Richardson

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENTS



Mary Grace Amos '17 recently got engaged to Sam Williams. Mary Grace is the daughter of Sallie Overstreet Amos '88 and Eddie Amos.



Carrington Bailey '16 and Johnathan Manning recently got engaged.



Roman Davis '20 & Charity Morton recently got engaged.



Charlotte Townsend '17 & Dylan Craig recently got engaged in December. Charlotte is the granddaughter of William Poulston '67.



Jordan Harris '18 and Hunter Mottley '16 recently got engaged. Jordan is the daughter of Amy Motley Harris '82 and Britton Harris '82. Hunter is the son of Kirby Mottley '78.

ALUMNI ENGAGEMENTS



Taylor Cunningham '15 and Leix Ellia recently got engaged.

Taylor is the son of Sheri Cunningham and Chris Cunningham '87.



Logan McDonald Bryd '14 and Sarah Edwards recently got engaged.



Charlie Bowman '22 and Katelyn Berkovitz recently got engaged.



Davis Cyrus '13 and Summer Meinhard recently got engaged. Davis is the son of Charlotte Davis Cyrus '80 and GR Cyrus.

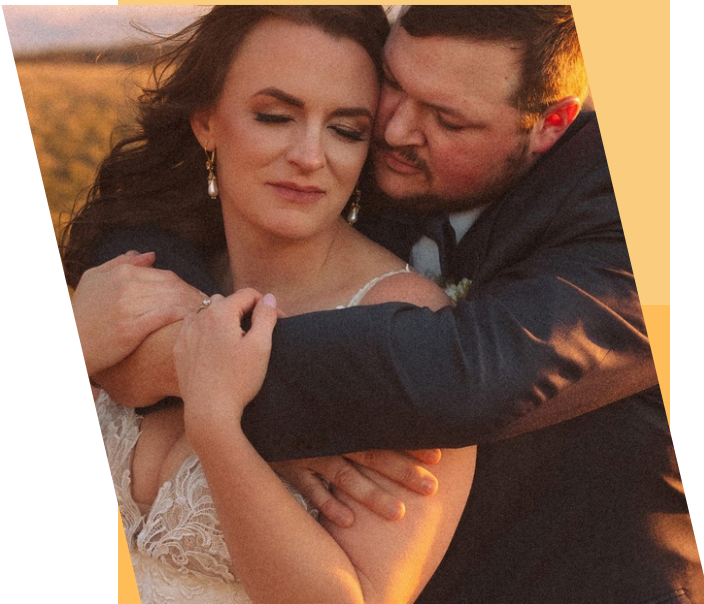


Audra Murphy '20 and Cody Fulford '21 recently got engaged. Audra is the daughter of Christy Mottley Murphy '86 and Patrick Murphy.

ALUMNI WEDDINGS



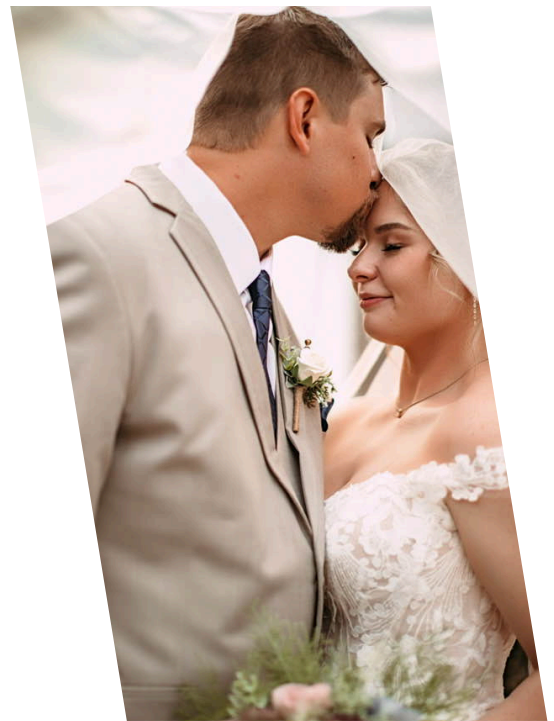
Jacob Epps '13 and LeAnne Harris were married on November 2nd. Jacob is the son of Tony Epps and the late Paige Epps '85 and the grandson of Gene Southall '60 .



Quinton Ellington '14 and Megan were married on March 1st . Quinton is the son of Andy Ellington '86.



Antonio Gonzalez '15 and Ava Hockey were married on November 27th.



Olivia Gordon '15 and Aaron Brinkley were married on September 28th . Olivia is the daughter of Sheri Atkins '90 and Michael Gordan '93.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Sarah Mullins Spears meet with the Interact Club on campus, for the students learn about the incredible work of the local nonprofit Better Days Farmville. Then the Club then spent Jan. 20th serving their community as they volunteered with Better Days Farmville.



ONCE A FALCON ALWAYS A FALCON

We were thrilled to welcome George Magnotti, Class of 2022, back to campus. George spoke to our students about the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, covering its history, benefits, daily life, and the scholarships available to members. We deeply appreciate George taking the time to share his insights and experiences with some of our upper school Falcons!



LUNCH AND LEARN

Envirothon Club was visited by USDA soil scientist Louise Jacques. During her visit Louise introduced members to the Web Soil Survey and highlighted its importance to landowners, developers, and scientists.

Envirothon Club members meet every two weeks as part of a Lunch and Learn series, where they explore a wide range of natural resource topics. Each session provides valuable insights and hands-on learning opportunities for our future environmental leaders!



FALCON FUND

ANNUAL GIVING

Your support for the 2024-2025 Fuqua School Falcon Fund is vital and appreciated through July 31, 2025. Every contribution, large or small, directly benefits all Fuqua Falcons. Thank you for your generosity.

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\$175,000

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS

VFW Teacher of the Year from Fuqua School

At our February Convocation, VFW Post 7059 proudly recognized Mrs. Suzanne Towler, a dedicated 5th-grade teacher, as Teacher of the Year! Her commitment to excellence and passion for teaching inspire our students every day. We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our Fuqua family. Suzanne is wife of Toby '96 they have two Falcons Juby (7th) & Mckinley (5th).



VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest Winners

The Patriot's Pen is a nationwide essay competition hosted annually by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), inviting middle school students (grades 6-8) to share their perspectives on a thought-provoking theme. This year's topic, "My Voice in America's Democracy," challenged students to reflect on their role in shaping our nation's future. We were honored to welcome members of VFW Post 7059, who presented awards to our talented winners.

Winners

Kinley Tucker – First Place, daughter of Blake '00 and Krystal Tucker
Lily Kate Schmidt – Second Place, daughter of David '92 and Farrah Schmidt
Emerson Martin – Third Place, son of Tony '94 and Rebecca Martin

A heartfelt thank you to all participants for your inspiring essays and to the VFW for supporting this incredible opportunity. Your words remind us of the strength of democracy and the importance of patriotism.

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



Bridge Builders: Honoring the Past, Leading the Future

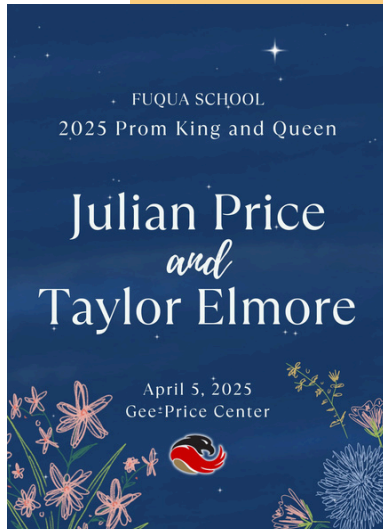
Juniors from both Fuqua School and Prince Edward count High School take part in The Moton Bridge Builders program which is a collaborative initiative with the Robert Russa Moton Museum. The Program is designed to unite high school juniors in a shared exploration of history, leadership, and civic engagement. Using student-led Legacy Projects, working to foster connection, inspire action, and address real-world challenges within their communities.



Adopt a SENIOR

Now in its fifth year, the Adopt a Senior program has become a cherished tradition at the Upper School. Fuqua families from PK-12, along with alumni and community members, "adopt" seniors to celebrate their final semester at Fuqua School. Each month, the Class of 2025 receives small treats from their anonymous gift givers, who remain a mystery until closer to graduation day. We are so proud of you, Class of 2025!

CAMPUS HAPPENINGS



READBowl is Read with Malcolm's global reading competition where teams of students from around the globe compete to read for the most minutes. Grade K-6 took part leading to lots of great reading.

Make sure to follow us on Facebook @ Fuqua School and PEA/ Fuqua School Alumni Association for all the latest happenings on campus.

SPRING GALA



What a magical evening! The Fuqua School Spring Gala held at The Barn at Poor House Farm was a resounding success! It was so wonderful to see so many Alumni enjoying the evening. A huge thank you to our sponsors, auction donors, volunteers, and everyone who attended. Your presence and generosity made this event a tremendous success.





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