

# 2022-2023 ANNUAL REPORT



FUQUA SCHOOL

*Boundless Individual Potential*



# 2022–2023 Annual Report

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### DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION STATEMENT

Diversity strengthens a school community and should be embraced. Embracing diversity means helping people through a commitment to continued education about multi-cultural topics, meaningful dialogue about social identity, and access to opportunities and resources that will enable all members of the Fuqua community to thrive. We believe all students benefit from this focus on social responsibility and inclusiveness. Our goal is for each member of the Fuqua community to demonstrate respect for the dignity of every person.



## Another Chapter in the Story

*... we could never provide the many amazing academic and extracurricular opportunities that our students enjoy without the love, support, and consideration that past and present families provide.*

The 2022–23 year will always be a memorable one in the history of our school!

The year began with the hosting of a dedication here on campus to show our appreciation for the many contributions of Coach Walter “Bozo” Addleman and Coach Robert “Bob” Hazelwood with the unveiling of the new Addleman-Hazelwood Football Press Box at the Skeeter Fore Athletic Complex. When toe met leather at our first game of the season on September 1st, the families of these long-term stalwarts of our school were able to enjoy personal tours of our new Football Press Box, a catered reception, and a special pre-game presentation in their honor.

The Fall semester also saw the initial cohort of students from both Fuqua School and Prince Edward County Public Schools participate in a groundbreaking academic initiative between our two schools, the Bridge Builders Community Scholars Program. In partnership with Longwood University and the Robert R. Moton Museum, these students were able to collaborate and connect through a specially designed curriculum meant to help the students of today learn more about the civil rights history of our county, and how they can “build bridges” towards a better tomorrow for our community and our world in the future.

Shortly after, we were also able to recognize the many contributions of another life-long supporter of our school by welcoming Ms. Rebecca Kelly back to campus. At a surprise assembly in the Lower Commons, our Lower School students showered Ms. Kelly with hand-made cards and speeches to show their appreciation for her very generous and wonderful gift of a brand-new Science curriculum for our students, grades K–5. Humbled and honored by this outpouring of appreciation, Ms. Kelly reminded the students that she thinks about them daily and that she will always love our school.



With the changing of the seasons, we continued to benefit greatly from the passion of our past graduates by seeing so many in attendance at our 5 Grand Falcon Fundraiser in November and Falcon Fest Furniture Auction in March, and through their generous giving to the Falcon Fund to meet the gift match offered by our Board of Trustees. As a school who works tirelessly to keep tuition affordable for the many hard-working families in our area, we could never provide the

many amazing academic and extracurricular opportunities that our students enjoy without the love, support, and consideration that past and present families provide. From the bottom of our heart, thank you to all who continue to bless our school with your gifts!

As winter became spring and spring became summer, another amazing class of graduates prepared to walk across the stage, receive their diplomas, and share their talents with the world; honed and prepared from years of pursuing their boundless, individual potential in our classrooms and on our playing fields. With the support of teachers who challenge our students to be their very best, our graduates donned their caps and gowns and made plans to continue to spread their Falcon wings to fly to new locales such as the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, Virginia Military Institute, Clemson University and the Savannah College of Art and Design, among others.

With tears in our eyes, we look back longingly on the year that was and know that together, our faculty, families, students, and staff wrote yet another chapter of the incredible success story that is Fuqua School.

It is, and always will be, great to be a Fuqua Falcon!

Paul “Chance” Reynolds



## Commencement

*Collectively, the 29 graduates in the class were offered over \$5.2 million in scholarships to various colleges and universities.*

The lawn by the Bell Tower was the perfect setting for Fuqua School's 30<sup>th</sup> Commencement on Friday, May 26, 2023. Alumni connections abounded in the program, as Salutatorian Rachel Mason and Valedictorian Grace Puckett addressed their fellow classmates. Mason is the daughter of Chris Mason, PEA Class of '89, and Puckett is the daughter of Sarah Elam Puckett, PEA Class of '81. Mr. Reynolds had the honor of introducing alumnus Robert Atkinson, PEA Class of '76, as the evening's guest speaker. Atkinson is the father of two current Fuqua Upper School students, and his message delivered wisdom collected over his years in business and industry. He sought to help the graduates avoid common youthful missteps and take initiative to build successful lives—in all aspects—not only in their careers.

Giftorian Olivia Lorenzo presented Atkinson with a framed Bell Tower pencil sketch as a token of appreciation. Lorenzo also presented a generous departing gift from the Class of 2023, a bottled water filling station to be installed in Gilmer Gymnasium to provide athletes, the Fuqua community, and outside guests a healthy, environmentally conscious drinking option during competitions and special events held there.

The Presentation of Diplomas by Mr. Reynolds and REF Board Chair Joyce Eggleston, also Class of '76, recognized a highly accomplished group of seniors. Fifteen of the graduates had earned a G.P.A. higher than 4.0 as they had excelled in Advanced Placement, honors, and college courses which merit additional weight. Collectively, the 29 graduates in the class were



*Robert Atkinson '76, Graduation Speaker*



# Commencement

*We are so proud of our newest Fuqua School alumni ...*

offered over \$5.2 million in scholarships to various colleges and universities. They will use \$1.98 million in academic scholarships, or an average of nearly \$70,000 in financial assistance for each senior. Fuqua School graduates continue to be highly competitive in college admissions, and this class was offered admission to a host of institutions including Christoher Newport, Clemson University, Hampden-Sydney College, James Madison, Liberty University, Longwood

University, Pennsylvania State, Savannah College of Art and Design, Southside Virginia Community College, the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and dozens of other institutions.

We are so proud of our newest Fuqua School alumni and have every confidence that they will journey forward successfully drawing on the foundations they forged here.



*Top, Rachel Mason, '23 Salutatorian*

*Above, Dalton Tucker*

*Right, Class of 2023 listening to the Keynote Speaker at Commencement*



## Academics

*Bridge Builder students and advisors attending the Barbara Johns Memorial Unveiling*



### New Bridge Builders Program Breaks Down Barriers

Fall of 2022 marked the beginning of the Bridge Builders program—a collaborative effort of Fuqua, The Moton Civil Rights Museum, Longwood University, and Prince Edward High School. This unique opportunity was offered to select juniors from both Fuqua and Prince Edward who joined together to form the first-class cohort. Upper School Dean of Students Jennings Custis lent his historical expertise as the Fuqua faculty representative, and members of the museum staff and Longwood faculty joined together to teach the students about the history of civil rights in Prince Edward County. The class met several times a week at Moton and followed up with discussions on their respective campuses.

The Bridge Builders also toured sites of historical significance in the area and met with individuals who experienced the Moton school protests and massive resistance to racial integration first-hand. Joan Johns Cobb, sister of civil rights activist Barbara Johns, spoke with the students on multiple occasions to share her perspectives and memories. In February, class members also were invited to a special ceremony in Richmond which

included the unveiling of a memorial honoring “The Legacy of Barbara Johns.” Governor Glenn Youngkin and Attorney General Jason Miyares both paid homage to Johns at the event, praising the way she overcame fear and prejudice to help shape civil rights laws for the generations that followed. Students also toured the Capitol in Richmond and viewed the Barbara Johns Memorial there on the grounds.

Members of the Bridge Builders cohort contributed by volunteering and sharing proposals that would benefit residents of Prince Edward. Next year, the members will each complete a legacy project before the end of their participation in the program. Upon completion, Bridge Builders are also awarded a \$1000 scholarship towards future educational opportunities. The Bridge Builders will begin the 2023–24 school year with a new cohort to continue the work of breaking down barriers and building alliances that make our community stronger.

Thanks to the many contributing scholars and community members, the inaugural program was a huge success!

*Members of the Bridge Builders cohort contributed by volunteering and sharing proposals that would benefit residents of Prince Edward.*



## Academics

### K-8 Buddies Exemplify Mission

*The current program results have been amazing and the Fuqua family is excited to expand ...*

Part of the mission at Fuqua School is to create a safe and supportive learning environment. This quality is exemplified in our current Fuqua School Buddy program. This past year, 8th graders were paired with kindergartners for both Fall and Spring semesters. These buddies spend time once a month participating in a myriad of activities. Some of those include reading, crafts, practicing letter/sound recognition, numbers, playing games, and just getting to know each other. This program gives our 8th grade students the opportunity to practice their mentorship skills and allows the Kindergartners a connection with an older student that inspires them. Even though these buddies are only utilized in K and 8th, many of these relationships are continued over the course of a Fuqua student's career. This magnifies our mission to create nurturing relationships and provide support to all students. This has many positive implications for those that were part of the program.

One of Fuqua's shining qualities is that many students are enrolled here for most of their primary and secondary school years. When bonds are formed this early during such a formative period, like Kindergarten, the benefit is lasting. Everyone has seen and heard about the effects of COVID on our students' emotional and social skills. A

program like this can combat those effects by accelerating the younger students' social skill set and further developing the older students' social abilities. These buddy relationships can foster those crucial socialization skills. As we move into this new academic year, Fuqua plans to capitalize on this Buddy program, increasing it to other grades and across the Lower and Upper School campuses. The current program results have been amazing and the Fuqua family is excited to expand to more students in multiple grade levels.

At the end of the 22-23 school year, the 8th graders and Kindergartners made a special commemorative handprint art piece that they each got to keep, including a picture with their buddy. This is a treasured memory that hopefully will continue to benefit our Fuqua students in their path to success.



*Above, Upper and Middle School students buddy up to help our littlest falcons with letter recognition.*

*Left, Kindergarten students sitting with their 8th Grade Buddies*



## Academics

*Mars Colony taking shape.*

*Right, Carly Hazelgrove, 6th  
Below, Parsa Sajjadi, 1st  
Far right, Landon Redford, 5th*



### STEAM Program Puts Learning in Action

*... they were given a budget, specific parameters to work within, and recycled materials to create their own Mars Colony.*

Part of Fuqua School's thoughtful curriculum includes STEAM. This is Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. STEAM is a massive benefit to our school because it allows students to practice skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation. All the while students are learning through hands-on activities that require them to solve problems in real time and in real life situations. This instructional piece allows students to connect abstract ideas with practical thinking. This is critical in a world where technology is ever-changing at rapid speeds. Our students learn to adapt and use those skills to prepare them for real life.

This past academic year, our esteemed STEAM instructor, Kathy Jefferson, assigned her students

a project called the Mars Colony. This assignment was differentiated for each grade level, but the final product was similar. This project was assigned after months of learning about the previous, current and future space exploration. Based on the students' grade level, they were given a budget, specific parameters to work within, and recycled materials to create their own Mars Colony. They worked in teams, practicing effective communication to select required elements. Students spent weeks innovating and designing living spaces, recreational spaces, transportation, oxygen sources, and other survival necessities. The project took over the STEAM lab and then the Library, spilling out to every available table space. Younger elementary students were able to participate in Space Club, where they learned about space careers and participated in hands-on





## Academics

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STEAM program.*

### STEAM Program ...

challenges like building a rover and a space lander, designing space boots and safety beacons with circuits. Parents and friends were able to view these projects during the STEAM fair. The output from this project was impressive and the students enjoyed what they were working on while practicing all of the skills mentioned above.

Fuqua stands out in the community because of our STEAM program. There are many schools in the area that have STEAM labs, but do not have a designated, scheduled time for their students

to create, innovate and learn in a collaborative setting. In addition to our beautiful STEAM space at the Lower School, the aforementioned Kathy Jefferson, our STEAM instructor, was awarded the Teacher of the Year by the Prince Edward County Rotary Club for 2023. She has tirelessly worked to stock the Lower School STEAM lab with top of the line equipment and current teaching materials to keep our students up to date. We are so thankful to have her and the STEAM program as part of our rigorous curriculum.



*5th Grade Class posing proudly with their rocket prototypes*



# Academics

## Science Textbook Donation

*This gift is evidence of the relationships that our school builds with people ...*

In the Fall of 2022, Mrs. Rebecca Butcher Kelly, a former teacher, administrator, and volunteer of over 60 years, gifted our school a brand new science curriculum for grades K–5. This gift is evidence of the relationships that our school builds with people spanning multiple years and employment roles. Many different curricula were researched and studied, with this particular one as a standout. Mrs. Kelly has been an integral part of our community and this is just one example of her generosity and experience in quality educational programs. The books, produced by Five Ponds Press, boast full color photos, graphs, maps, illustrations, charts and



*Mrs. Kelly speaking at the Science Book Drive*

timelines including assessments, technology connections and interactive resources. Each section has a hands-on component that is easily put together by the classroom teacher and requires decreased prep with maximum learning. They are also aligned with the Standards of Learning in Virginia from which our Fuquia Standards are drawn.

We were able to celebrate her and her gift in the Fall with a special assembly in which the

Lower School SCA presented her with a thank you card signed by all the students in PK–5. We also presented her with her own new textbook, with an insert that reads, “This textbook, provided through the generosity of Rebecca Kelly Butcher, is meant to foster a love for Science to the students of Fuquia School, who will always hold a special place in her heart.” Mrs. Kelly challenged the students to study hard, enjoy science and make their teachers proud. She also recognized the faculty and staff members whom she taught, again highlighting the special relationships that can only be cultivated in a small private school like ours.

As we approach the 30th anniversary of our Lower School Commons building, built in 1994, it is imperative that we continue to honor those who have come before us. Those, just like Mrs. Kelly, who were here then giving us direction and leaving a lasting impact.



*Head of School Chance Reynolds and Mrs. Kelly*



*Christy Murphy '86, Joyce Eggleston '76, Karon Barton '91, Monica Williams '86, Susan Johnson '81, Mary Quinn Ferguson '01 with Mrs. Kelly*



## Academics

### Teacher of the Year Winners

The Rotary Club of Farmville introduced a new program to schools in Prince Edward County — The Teacher of the Year program. The purpose of this program is to support and recognize teachers within our community. While we feel that EVERY teacher at Fuqua is the Teacher of the Year, our current Fuqua School families were invited to vote on who they felt was the Teacher of the Year in each division. Those who earned the most votes received a recognition plaque, as well as a \$300 monetary gift.

Congratulations to our Fuqua School Rotary Teachers of the 2022–2023 School Year:

Fuqua Lower School: Elizabeth Rutherford, Kindergarten

Fuqua Middle School: Kathryn Jefferson, STEAM

Fuqua Upper School: Tyler Gage, Band

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Fuqua School  
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invited to vote ...*



*Teacher of the Year Award winners Tyler Gage and Kathy Jefferson with Head of School Chance Reynolds*



# Arts



Left, teacher Audrey Sullivan working on Ukraine Projects with Sophomore Julian Price

Below, Head of School Chance Reynolds with Chandler Wright and Anastasiia Cifers



*“... we stand with them in their struggle to defend democracy.”*

## Spreading Falcon Compassion Around the World

The Farmville Interact Club at Fuqua School presented Luther and Anastasiia Cifers of the Cifers Foundation with various pieces of art created by Fuqua School students to show our support for the people of the Ukraine.

“As a club and as a school, we are proud to be able to present this artwork to the Ukrainian people, so they know that they are not alone and that we stand with them in their struggle to defend

democracy,” said Head of School Paul “Chance” Reynolds.

Anastasiia Cifers, Vice President of the Cifers Foundation (and a Fuqua School parent), also visited with our Interact Club to speak to our students about the plight of the Ukrainian people and how our club and our school might be able to help support the people of the Ukraine in their struggle for democracy and freedom.



## Arts

### Fuqua Players Perform a Masterwork

During the previous semester, the upper school theater class, under the guidance of Ms. Chelsea Moss, staged a captivating rendition of Jane

Austen's timeless classic, *Pride and Prejudice*. This romantic comedy, first published in 1813, delicately unravels the romantic pursuits of five sisters set against the backdrop of the Georgian era.



Ms. Moss initiated auditions for the play in mid-October, resulting in various class members securing multiple roles. Among them, freshman Elle Franssen, boasting experience from several Waterworks Players productions, brought a wealth of theatrical skill to the production, gracefully embodying the lead role of Elizabeth Bennet. Sophomore Joshua Milligan portrayed the pivotal character of Mr. Darcy.

The Fuqua Players dedicated countless hours to perfecting this enduring narrative. Sophomore Taylor Elmore, who portrayed Mary Bennet, diligently devoted an hour each night to mastering her lines, while junior Immanuel Jennings, essaying the role of Mr. Bingley, exuded confidence, citing his thorough familiarity with the script during the production.

*Above, Freshman Elle Franssen and sophomore Josh Milligan on stage*

*Right, Fuqua Players in dress rehearsal for *Pride and Prejudice**





# Arts

## Fuqua Bands Provide Wide Range of Experiences

### A Moonlit Meal

On October 18th, the Concert Band took center stage at the Moonlit Meal Dinner Concert. The band delivered an awe-inspiring 9-piece performance, captivating the audience as they savored a delightful meal next to the scenic Gee-Price pool. The evening's program also showcased several talented student soloists. This event proved to be a resounding success, as it covered all the expenses for transporting the Concert Band to Orlando, Florida, for their upcoming Spring competition.

### Music Brings Us Together

During the first week of December, Central Virginia transforms into a winter wonderland as towns host their annual Christmas parades.

Notably, the Prince Edward County Marching Eagles and the Fuqua School Marching Falcons joined forces to create a unified marching unit for the Farmville and Keysville parades. T. Parker, Director of Bands for the Marching Eagles, and Tyler Gage, Director of Bands at Fuqua School, share a common bond as alumni of Longwood University's Music Department, and they saw this collaboration as an excellent way to strengthen the connection between their respective institutions.

The townspeople were thrilled to witness these combined marching units in action, and the Farmville Herald proudly commended both the Prince Edward County Public Schools Band and the Fuqua School Band for their outstanding representation of the community as they marched

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in action ...*



*Above, 22-23 Concert Band  
Right, 22-23 Intermediate Band*





## Arts

### Fuqua Bands ...

together. “Bravo to the Prince Edward County Public Schools Band and the Fuqua School Band for their joint performance... Music builds bridges and brings us together,” the Farmville Herald declared.

### Opus Tradition Continued

On the day following the Farmville Christmas Parade, our upper school students united to magically transform Gilmer Gym into a winter wonderland right here on campus. This enchanting



*Christmas Parade  
PECH and FS directors*





## Arts

### Fuqua Bands ...

*Winter Showcase  
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... graceful  
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countless smiles.*

setup was in preparation for the annual Opus and Winter Showcase programs presented by the music department.

The Lower School Winter Showcase 2022, featuring students from PK3 to 4th Grade, was a delightful affair filled with holiday songs, student instrumental performances, graceful movements, and countless smiles. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Lower School music teacher, Amanda Foster, for instilling her passion for music in our youngest Falcons.

Opus 2022, aptly titled “A Holiday Celebration,” was expertly directed by the talented Mr. Tyler Gage. The performance encompassed music from our 5th and 6th-grade Beginning Bands, our 7/8 Intermediate Band, the 9–12 Concert Band, and the much-loved Falcon Swing, which became an instant crowd favorite.



*Scenes from  
Winter Showcase*





# Arts

## Fuqua Bands ...



Above, brass section at Opus  
Right, Seniors Grayson Newcomb and Holt Mason soloing at Opus  
Below, Dr. Waddell working with the Concert Band



*... the concert band underwent a captivating transformation, embracing the ambiance of a swing band ...*

### Learning from the Masters

On Friday, March 3rd, the upper school Concert Band had the privilege of hosting Dr. Mike Waddell, Director of Bands at Longwood University. Dr. Waddell provided the band with an invaluable performance and conducted a clinic on the pieces they took to the Orlando competition. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Waddell for generously sharing his expertise and dedicating his afternoon to enriching our musical journey.

### An Evening of Swing

In late March, the concert band underwent a captivating transformation, embracing the ambiance of a swing band and rekindling the nostalgic sounds of the big band era as Falcon Swing, a tradition now in its third year.



Senior Holt Mason soloing at Jazz Night



## Arts

### Fuqua Bands ...

*The Concert Band achieved an overall Superior rating, the highest possible score ...*

These talented students flawlessly delivered a mesmerizing evening of music, delighting the audience with a repertoire of 23 songs spanning three sets. The performance also showcased the exceptional improvisational talents of several seniors, including Holt Mason, Grayson Newcomb, Evan Nichols, Matthew Pembelton, Eva Gee, and Grace Puckett.

#### A Tradition of Winning

In April, the Concert Band embarked on a journey to Orlando, Florida, a remarkable adventure made possible through the resounding success of the dinner concert and jazz night fundraisers, as well as the unwavering support of our dedicated Fuqua Family.

While in Orlando, the Concert Band participated in the World Strides Performing Arts Festival. It is with great pride that we announce Fuqua School's achievement of a Silver Award in their class, accompanied by an overall rating of excellence for their musical performance. The Concert Band also had the honor of receiving the prestigious World Strides Spirit Award, a recognition bestowed upon the ensemble that exemplifies the utmost respect and exemplary behavior towards the hotel,

festival, and theme park staff. Their interactions with fellow competitors were also taken into consideration, and it was Fuqua School that received this distinguished accolade, as determined by the management teams.

In addition, during early April, the Concert Band recorded the same program and submitted their performance for evaluation in the Virginia Virtual Band Assessment. It is with great delight that we share the news that the Concert Band achieved an overall Superior rating, the highest possible score for their performance. This remarkable accomplishment reflects the hard work and dedication of our student musicians and their Director of Bands, Mr. Tyler Gage.

Later in April, the 6th Grade and Intermediate Band ventured to Williamsburg to take part in the Music in the Parks Competition. The 6th Grade clinched the top spot in their class with an Excellent rating, the second-highest possible, while the Intermediate Band secured a commendable second place in their class, also earning an Excellent rating. Congratulations to these talented young musicians for their outstanding achievements!

*Concert Band performing in Orlando, Florida*





# Arts

## Fuqua Bands ...



*Above,  
Concert Band after  
their performance in  
Orlando, Florida*

*Right,  
Concert Band  
enjoying the day at  
Universal Studios  
after competing*

*Below,  
Intermediate Band  
at the Williamsburg  
Competition*





## Arts

### Nature Trail Sculptures

*Ms. Sullivan  
was also  
excited to see a  
little friendly  
competition  
evolve ...*

Students in Ms. Audrey Sullivan's Upper School art class designed their own miniature kingdoms to add wonder to the school's nature trail. The Fairies and the Elves, supposed rivals, inspired the students to create unique sculptures to represent homes, castles, and more.

Fanciful shapes and ornamentation now add a shaded land of whimsy alongside the natural plant life. Ms. Sullivan was also excited to see a little friendly competition evolve as the sculptures came into being, adding some spirited fun as well.



*Art class working on  
nature trail sculptures*



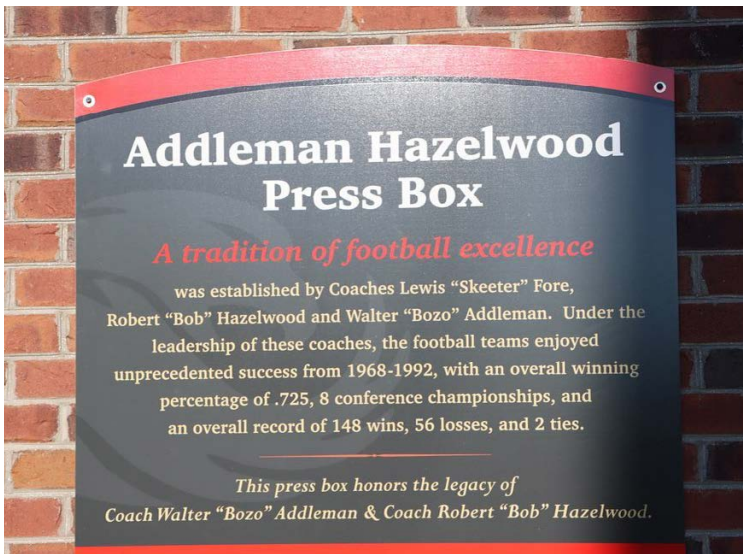


# Athletics

Right, Frances Hazelwood and Bozo Addleman at Press Box dedication



Below, Press Box plaque



## Press Box Dedication

On September 1<sup>st</sup> we hosted a dedication here on campus for the new Addleman-Hazelwood Football Press Box at the Skeeter Fore Athletic Complex. Family, friends, and invited guests of the honorees were treated to a catered reception and tours of the incredible building that evening during the game against Randolph Henry.

## Athletes Welcome our Little Falcons

Athletes from all teams helped to raise school spirit throughout the year by donning their team attire and joining the Lower School morning drop-off line to welcome students with high-fives, spirit beads, and photo ops.

## Senior Athletes' Final Night

As our seniors completed their spring sports seasons, the Falcons hosted Senior Night games for Lacrosse, Softball, and Baseball on the fields of Longwood University. We appreciated the cooperation with Longwood University which afforded our seniors a special experience as we paid tribute to our athletes. Senior members of the golf team, who practiced at The Manor during the season, were also recognized at the Baseball Senior Night event.



Senior Night at Lancer Field



# Athletics



Senior Night



From top to bottom,  
lacrosse, baseball, and  
golf at Senior Night





# Athletics

## Continued Athletic Upgrades

During the recent spring season, we continued a series of renovations to enhance our athletic facilities. The Falcon Baseball Team had the opportunity to compete on the newly installed plush Bermuda grass infield, offering an upgraded playing surface. Additionally, the Girls Softball Field saw the installation of a warning track to further improve player safety. Inside the Gilmer Gym, we introduced a fresh color scheme and undertook a comprehensive rebranding project for our court.



*Candela Dolz, 1st Team All-State and Female Runner of the Year*



*Rachel Mason, 2nd Team All-State*

## Student Athlete Accolades

It was a great year for our student athletes with many VCC All Conference selections. We want to celebrate our students that were selected for the VISAA All-State teams.

## 2022–2023 Fuqua Athletics All-State Selections

### Varsity Football

First Team

Nate Reed

Second Team

Matthew Pembelton

Jordan Ledger

Layne Petersheim

Honorable Mention

Dalton Tucker

### Varsity Girls Basketball

First Team

Candela Candial-Dolz

Second Team

Rachel Mason

### Varsity Softball

Second Team

Kaylie Ledger

### Varsity Baseball

Second Team

Shawn Garceau

Nate Reed

Our sophomore foreign exchange student from Spain, Candela Dial Dolz, was a three-sport athlete while at Fuqua School and was recognized as the VCC Female Cross Country Runner of the Year!

We ended the year with our athletic awards banquet. All our student athletes were recognized and celebrated for their many accomplishments over the 2022–2023 school year. Nate Reed and Mathew Pembelton were recognized as the Co-Man Athletes of the year, and Rachel Mason was our Female Athlete of the year.



## Advancement & Alumni

### If you need more information

Curious about what's happening on the "HILL"?

It may be time to update your contact info. To have as accurate a record as possible, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete [this form on our website](#). The information gathered here will help our office as we plan events and communicate with our alumni. As part of our family, we want to know all the big and little things happening in your life—from marriages, children, degrees, job promotions and more. Please keep us updated with your latest news and information through our Alumni Office.

To update your info contact Tammy in the Alumni office: [franktm@fuquaschool.org](mailto:franktm@fuquaschool.org) or 434-392-4131.



### 1977–78 Lady Wolverines

Members of the 1977–78 Lady Wolverines Varsity Basketball Team returned to Gilmer Gymnasium to celebrate on February 7th. The 77–78 Lady Wolverines, led by Coach Beth Fore, made sure that they did not go unnoticed as they made school history by capturing the school's first VAAC women's Western Division championship title.

### Dr. Keith Dickson

The AP English Literature class enjoyed two lectures from Dr. Keith Dickson '72, Professor of History and Military Studies and retired Colonel from the U.S. Army Special Forces. Dr. Dickson was also our Keynote Speaker for the 2022 Veteran's Day Ceremony.



Above, Dr. Keith Dickson lecture

### Bozo Retirement

After decades spent pacing the sidelines, teaching the game of football, and tending to the needs of our students, Walter "Bozo" Addleman officially called an end to his long career when the horn sounded at the end of our last regular season football game on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

We all wish Coach "Bozo" Addleman a well-deserved and happy retirement!



Left, Bozo Addleman's last game





## Advancement & Alumni



### Press Box Dedication on September 1st, 2023

Dedication of the new Addleman Hazelwood Press Box was held on September 1st in the Skeeter Fore Athletic Complex. We are thankful for Coaches Addleman and Hazelwood who helped establish a tradition of football excellence, and for the generosity of our donors who made it possible to honor them in this way!

### Preparing Our Seniors for Their Next Step

Each year Jennings Custis, Dean of Students, invites recent graduates back to campus to share their experiences at college with the senior and junior classes. Pictured is George Magnotti '22 sharing his first-year experiences at Virginia Tech and their ROTC program.





## Advancement & Alumni

### Reunions

The Office of Alumni Affairs wants to reminisce with all of you, hear your stories, and celebrate your coming together after many years. Our goal is to make your reunion one to remember.

Wolverine or Falcon—whether it's your 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion or your 5<sup>th</sup>, reach out and let us help. Several great reunions were held over the year. Hopefully yours will be this coming year!



*Left, Members of the 1977-78 Lady Wolverines  
Below, Class of 1987 35th reunion*



*Alumni gather at Beth Fore Stadium*



## Advancement & Alumni

### 2022 Five Grand Falcon “Trucks and Shucks” Fundraiser

*Thank you to everyone who donated items for our silent auction and to the ticket buyers...*

The 2022 Five Grand Falcon “Trucks and Shucks” fundraiser included food trucks, an oyster roast, live music, beverages, silent auction, and a chance to win \$5,000.

Congratulations to Teri Atkins Wilson who was the reverse draw raffle winner!

Thank you to our event sponsors Crewe Tractor, Davenport and Company, Difficult Creek Lumber, Gantt Insurance, Pembelton Forest

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### 2023 Falconfest Furniture Auction

Family, friends, and community members gathered to raise approximately \$90,000 at Fuqua’s 2023 Falconfest Furniture Auction held in March. This year’s event was made possible by the generosity of Green Front Furniture. The entire Fuqua School community extends a sincere thank you to Den and Dickie Cralle, as well as numerous Green Front Furniture employees, for making this event possible.



*The Longwood University women’s basketball team helped set up for the big event.*



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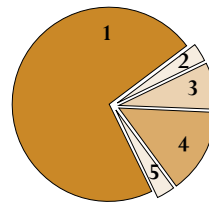
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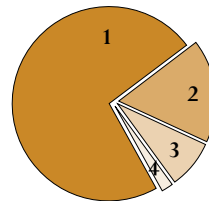
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1. Tuition & Fees	\$2,423,950 (72%)
2. Special Events & Fundraising	\$140,100 (4%)
3. Endowment Distribution	\$259,500 (8%)
4. Non Academic Income	\$400,121 (12%)
5. Annual Fund	\$130,000 (4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,353,671</b>



### 2022-2023 BUDGETED EXPENSES

1. Salaries & Benefits	\$2,553,664 (75%)
2. Operations	\$456,789 (13%)
3. Instructional & Support	\$302,658 (9%)
4. External Affairs	\$91,831 (3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,404,942</b>

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