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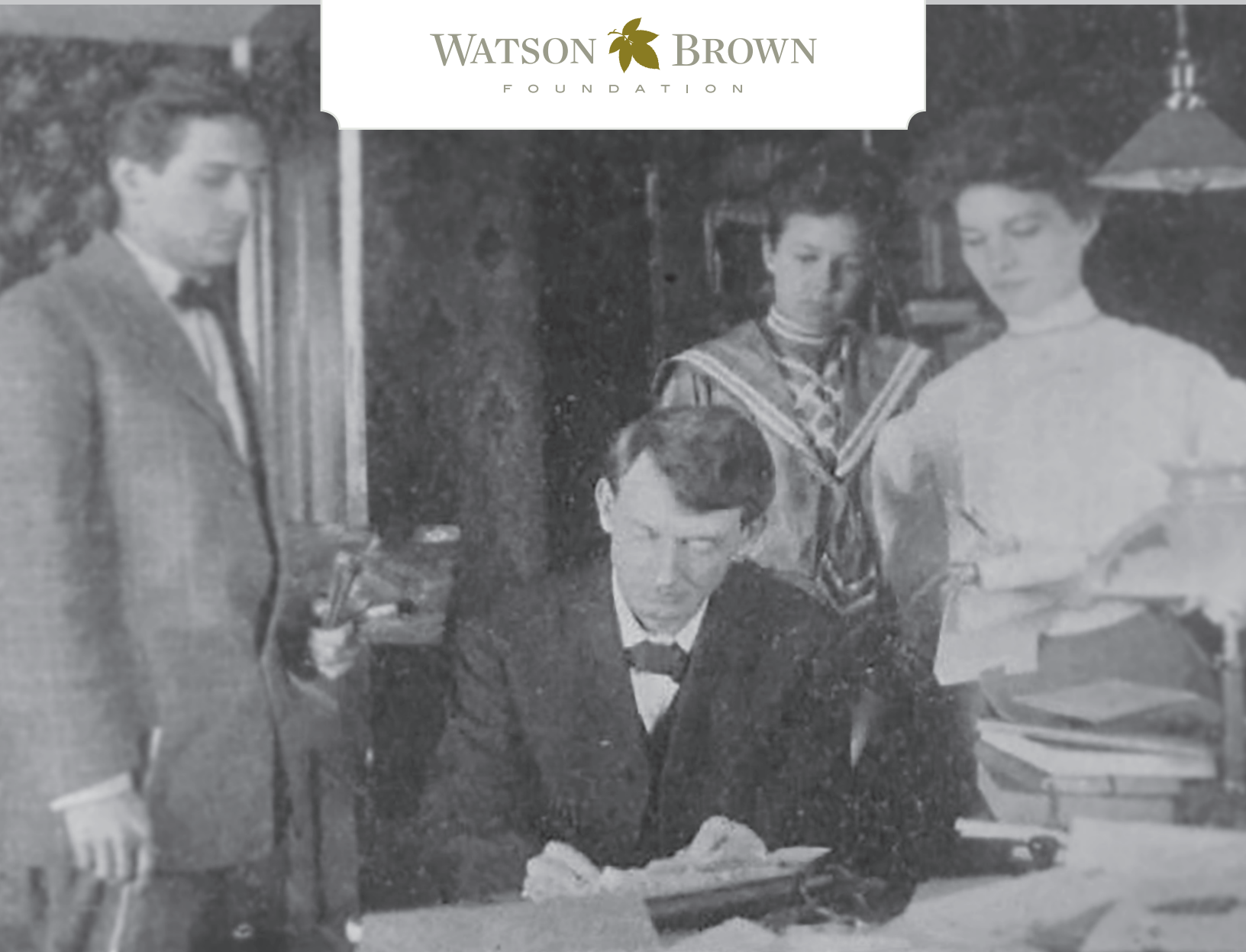


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OF HICKORY HILL

Powerful
HABITS
ALUMNUS RISES TO THE TOP

SCHOLARS'
Day
HICKORY HILL

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COMPLETE LISTING



“There is but one rule for you if you want to be a man—absolutely but one—and that is to do your level best to reach a clear, correct idea of what is right, and then stick to it and fight for it, in spite of the ‘world, the flesh and the devil.’”



—Thomas E. Watson to S. B. McCall, May, 1905

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SCHOLARS' & ALUMNI'S DAY



The Watson-Brown Foundation hosted its annual Scholars' Day program on May 10, 2014, to honor the new scholarship recipients. The front lawn at Hickory Hill was bursting with students, friends, and family who gathered to celebrate the achievements and futures of the newest group of Watson-Brown scholars. This fall, 224 new scholars will attend 64 different colleges and universities across the country and as far away as Reed College (Portland, Oregon) and the University of California at Berkeley.

The Foundation received more than 1,300 applications from its designated eighteen counties region in Georgia and South Carolina. Award recipients averaged a 1212 SAT score (combined math and verbal), and an average ACT composite score of 26. For a second year in a row, the recipients placed in the top eight percent of their graduating class. This year's new scholars will join around 650 other current Watson-Brown scholars at more than 140 colleges and universities across the United States.

Threatening thunderstorms tested the staff of the Watson-Brown Foundation, but thankfully the rain held off and allowed for humid but cool and pleasant afternoon. Students and families enjoyed refreshments on the lawn, along with a few games of "cornhole" and Frisbee. Sarah Allgood, new Assistant Director of Scholarships, and former Assistant Director, Craig Foster, addressed the young scholars with advice on being successful in college by focusing on the classroom first, but also by maintaining a well-balanced and well-rounded overall experience. Following the ceremony, students took a group photograph on the front steps of Hickory Hill. Congratulations to the new recipients of the scholarship and welcome to the Watson-Brown family!

The Foundation will award 200 new scholarships for the 2015–2016 academic year. Current high school seniors and college undergraduates from eighteen counties in Georgia and South Carolina are eligible to apply. The online application is available early September at www.watson-brown.org/scholarship and is due by February 15, 2015. For more information please contact the Foundation at 706-595-8886 or visit www.watson-brown.org.







CAMPUS NOTES



Watson-Brown Scholars in Action



NICHOLAS GICKING

Nicholas Gicking, Senior, North Greenville University. “It has been another amazing semester at North Greenville University! I am taking nineteen hours of intense and challenging classes. This semester, I decided to take two writing-intensive courses: Civil War and Reconstruction, and Soviet Russia. A writing-intensive course means that at least one twelve- to fifteen-page paper must

be written per class. It is a difficult task, but I am up for the challenge! Also, I am taking an English course called World Literature II in which I learn how to analyze various texts and dissect their meaning through a historical lens (Pasternak’s *Doctor Zhivago* is my favorite novel). In my Science, Technology, and Society class, I have learned about the world’s greatest scientists and how to integrate Christianity into science.

Those content-specific classes are filled with wonderful knowledge that will help me in the future.

“My Education classes have taught me a lot of useful information as well. In Reading and Writing in the Content Area, we have learned how to bring several creative strategies into the classroom. I also am observing in a classroom at Landrum High School and I have found the strategies to be quite effective. The Exceptional Learner class has taught me how to help students with special needs; I feel like I have a special way to help such students since I am a future teacher with a disability. I can tell all the children I teach that they can do anything because of the special way they are made. I just love being in the classroom each week and I know teaching is my special calling in life.

“Besides my intense course load, I have several important positions with various clubs and organizations at North Greenville University. I am continuing to help with the Students for Life Club; I am still the Secondary Social Studies Representative for the Teacher Education Association. This semester, I began my term as President for Beta Delta, the Education Honors society at my university. I enjoy leading a team of talented individuals making a difference in the lives of children! On top of my exciting



roles, I recently got inducted into Alpha Xi Nu, the History Honors Society. I am so blessed, thanks to your generosity. Due to my high grades and political spirit, I also got to attend the South Carolina Student Leadership Forum, where I met Senator Tim Scott (R-SC). That was an unforgettable experience!

“My time in college is slowly coming to an end. I only have one more year after this semester until I graduate. The time I have spent at NGU is priceless. Thanks to the Watson-Brown Foundation, I am receiving a quality Christian education and making lasting memories.”



Paulina Gallagher, Sophomore, Washington University. “While pursuing a major in Marketing at Washington University in St. Louis, I have also been able to fully immerse myself into something I’m passionate about: photography. Upon arrival at the university, I immediately became involved with a student-run fashion magazine called *Armour*. By the end of the year, I even became Social Media Director! It was amazing being able to follow my passions in such a creative way. This year I have also become involved with WashU Faces, a blog dedicated to connecting students to different staff members on campus that we encounter on a daily basis. From dining halls to the mailroom, there are stories to be heard all over campus. In each encounter, I ask the staff member to give a piece of advice to WashU students, and then that advice along with their photo is posted on the blog. I have spent hours talking to staff members about their life experiences and encounters with hardship. It has been absolutely wonderful being able to use my passions to really find my place in college.”

Brittany Evans, Sophomore, Eckerd College “Freshman year of college amazingly finished. Jumbled up into my chaotic package of memories are new friends, fun yet



challenging classes, and great opportunities. While most college students considered their Fridays as a time of relaxation and partying, I happily spent mine doing research. Before coming to Eckerd, I had applied to join the Freshman Marine Science Research program, and I was honored to be selected and work with the Professor of Marine Science and Biology. Our goal was to determine if there were genetic variations in dusky pipefish around Florida. The lab work was intellectually stimulating and a constant puzzle, with the machines being as uncooperative and stubborn as snails, but it was the field days that I’ll remember for a long time. While Dr. ‘Ski’ had introduced me to the basics of fish genetics, he had also drilled into my mind the idea that anything goes in field research, especially during our weekend pipefish collection trip. After driving many hours to different locations up Florida’s coast and sleeping in a primitive campsite, my team and I would hop out of the van, splash into the cold seawater, and drag our seine nets over the sea grass to collect pipefish. This came with complications, as some of the organisms living in these shallow waters aren’t the friendliest. May I introduce you to the moon jellyfish, a creature whose sting isn’t fatal, but can still elicit a flinch if brushed against your skin? These elegant and fragile creatures might look innocent from behind a few inches of glass at an aquarium, but it turns into a scene from a B-rated horror film when you are stuck in the middle of a swarm of jellyfish the size of dinner plates with nothing but your bathing suit to protect you. Jaws music couldn’t help but play in our heads as we walked backwards through the murky water, dragging the seine nets. Even so, it still couldn’t keep the smile off my salt-encrusted and sunburnt face, though every so often I would cringe in pain from a stray jellyfish tentacle. And thus, why my parents refer to me as the ‘crazy marine scientist.’

“It’s hard to believe I’ve done so much as a Freshman, and I thank God for the year I’ve

had. Sure, it’s been challenging, and there are times I’ve felt out of my mind with worries and stress. But these experiences have pulled and stretched me in different ways, and I look forward to seeing who I will become after these four great years at Eckerd College.”

Alan Ramirez, Senior, Clemson University. “I have completed another great year at Clemson University, and my college experience gets even better as I move forward. I was able to attend the Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES) conference in Seattle, which was an amazing experience learning what progress is being made in the field of biomedical engineering. Also, I was involved in undergraduate research this past year, working in the field of orthopedics. I am continuing more research in Clemson University’s Biotribology Lab over the summer, studying the wear rates of total knee replacements using the Instron/Stanmore Knee Simulator.”



Emma Blume, Sophomore, Georgia Institute of Technology. “For me, like many, college was a completely new experience. The thought of living on my own was a bit frightening because I was completely responsible for myself, and I felt woefully unprepared for the changes and challenges that I was up against. The first few days at college were full of anxiety and stress, and I struggled with homesickness. However, after about a month of school, I was surprised at how quickly I was adapting to college life. I was making friends, handling the rigorous coursework, and getting involved with campus organizations like the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the Society of Women Engineers. I even made a 100 on my first Calculus II test, much to my excitement and surprise. As the semester progressed, I became more comfortable with my new life and I began to embrace the trials that came

my way. I no longer feared the challenges but saw them as goals to accomplish and experiences to help me grow on my journey towards graduation.

“Looking back, it is amazing to see how far I’ve come both as a student and a person. I am no longer the shy, uncertain girl that I was when I first started college; rather, I have grown and matured into a more decisive young woman with a quiet confidence. The coursework I’ve faced at Tech hasn’t been easy by any stretch of the imagination, but through it all, I’ve learned that I am capable of much more than I ever thought possible. I never dreamed that I would be able to make a 4.0 GPA and earn Faculty Honors at a school like Georgia Tech, but I did for both the fall and spring semesters. I never thought I would find my place on that seemingly huge campus, but I have through new friendships and campus involvement. I’ve come a long way, but my college journey has just begun. There are still trials and triumphs on the path ahead. As Carl and Ellie from Pixar’s *Up* said, ‘Adventure is out there!’ Here’s to all the adventures that the future holds!”

Kellie Pitts, Junior, Georgia College & State University. “During my second year at Georgia College, I worked with University Housing as a Community Advisor, which is very similar to being a Resident Advisor. I lived in the Residence Hall with Freshmen and planned programs for them. I really enjoyed being a CA. It was fun working with my residents and helping build a community with them. But my favorite part was definitely planning the programs. We had lots of entertaining ones, including writing postcards home, making tie-dye shirts, and other crafty themed events. I’m looking forward to working as a CA next year and meeting and building community with all new residences. Here is a picture of me (center) with two of my residents at a program!”

Aliyah Gaines, Junior, Hampton University. “This school year has been a whirlwind for me. I have experienced everything from academic and emotional letdowns to scholastic achievements and personal triumphs. While academically this was not my best year, the things I have accomplished more than make up for my downfalls in the classroom.

“This year I was responsible for coordinating the Freddy T. Davy Honors College’s annual W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society conference for surrounding high school students. At this conference, students are pressured to become holistic scholars whose abilities stem beyond the classroom. This year’s theme was ‘The Duality of a



KELLIE PITTS

Scholar.’ Under this ideal, we make students look at scholastic ability from more than just an academic standpoint. Participants were pushed to incorporate both academics and creativity through projects such as duality mask. In this project, the mask is divided into two sections. Each section represents the left (logical) and right (creative) sides of the brain. The assignment was for each student to create a mask that depicts his or her left and right sides of the brain. There were no definitive guidelines for how these depictions should appear, forcing each student to develop their own interpretations. Students had multiple artistic mediums at their disposal, however only three of the available mediums could be incorporated into the mask, resulting in creative and unique products. All the masks were in some way representative of the different types of scholars that were in attendance; some were very practical, others were more abstract. I am very proud of this particular project, because I started planning this conference the summer of my Freshman year and I never expected such grand ideas to come to fruition in such a big way. It was a wonderful feeling to see my brainchild come to life.

“While I am very proud of my work with the Du Bois Conference, this was not my biggest accomplishment of the year. I was inducted into the Hampton University School of Science Pre-Health Program this past fall semester. A few weeks later, I received an e-mail from my pre-health advisor imploring me to be present for a mock interview for a pre-health bridge program between Hampton and Boston University. My mock interview went very well as I developed a good rapport with my interviewer, who happened to be the director of the program. Following the interview was a presentation on the logistics of the program, and I was instantly interested. Immediately

after the presentation concluded, I requested an application to apply. This was by far the hardest application I have completed in my academic career, especially the construction of my personal statement. After a great deal of brainstorming, writing, editing, re-writing, re-editing, and writing again, I mailed off my application. I received an e-mail a few weeks later telling me that I had moved on to the second phase of the application process, the interviews. I was both elated and frightened by the news. I immediately began preparing for my interviews by researching information on the program, the school itself, my interviewers, speaking with current students in the program, etc. Finally, the interview weekend arrived. Nervous as I was, I flourished during my weekend at Boston



ALIYAH GAINES

University and fell in love with the campus and city, despite the cold and rain. As soon as I stepped into my first interview, all my nerves melted away. My interviewers and I discussed everything from my application and career goals, to my activities outside of academics, to my hometown and family. By the end of interview day, I had developed a rapport with each interviewer. About two weeks later, I received my acceptance letter at 11 pm. I was officially accepted to the Boston University Early Medical School Selection Program. Now I am preparing to spend my first six weeks at Boston University this summer. I will spend another eight weeks at Boston the summer prior to my Senior year. Following this, I will spend my Senior year as a Boston University student to complete my undergraduate degree program. Finally, in Fall 2016 I will enter the Boston University School of Medicine as a member of the medical school Class of 2020."



Luke Reeve, Junior, Georgia Institute of Technology. "To spend even a week in a European country is an experience of a lifetime, but four months? Well, according to my calculations, that's the experience of sixteen lifetimes, and that's exactly what I did during my spring 2014 semester. Oh, and I forgot to mention, it was more like thirteen countries. I lived in the small French city of Metz, right where Germany, Luxembourg, and France all meet: The perfect launching point for a semester filled with the works of masters such as Michelangelo and van Gogh, the ruins of ancient empires such as Greece and Rome, and the fine wines of France and Italy. I have walked the Cliffs of Mohr, skied the Swiss Alp's Matterhorn, and been amazed by Gaudi's masterpiece: *The Sagrada Família*. From Dublin to Athens, Barcelona to Amsterdam, and all in between, I have seen more in my twenty-one years than a lot get to see in a lifetime. But as I look back and the reality of it all sets in, I realize that, more than the places, the people I met were the

ones that changed me. They are the ones that, in some way, will stay with me forever. I'll always remember the five Scots that helped me take Dublin by storm, and Ashley, the Australian who I toured the underground tapas world of Barcelona with, and then the Nigerian street vendor from Athens who sold me the bracelet I still wear, and his story of how poverty has defined his life. I've seen the best that Europe has to offer and tasted some of the best food in the world, but it took me over 15,000 miles of travel and a semester abroad to discover what is life's greatest potential for adventure: the human race."

D'Arius McGahee, Senior, Georgia College and State University. "This semester was my toughest so far, not in the amount of hours that I took, but due to the difficulty in the subjects and taking on extra jobs. As a Music major, we are required to take a one-hour private lesson each week, but this semester I added an additional one-hour lesson, nearly doubling the amount of music to learn. Also, I started teaching guitar lessons through the Continuing Education program here on campus. It was wonderful to pass on the knowledge that I've been gaining on guitar for the three years that I have been attending the university, but it proved to test my endurance, as I had lessons at the end of long school days and working at the office in the music department.

"As far as my greatest achievements of the semester, it comes down to a tie. Inside of school, I was accepted into the Phi Kappa Phi honor society, which is the most selective interdisciplinary honor society in the nation. Accomplishing this fueled my desire to learn and gave me the extra motivation I needed to keep focused. The invitation was given to me for being in the top 7.5 percent of my class, of which I had no idea. Outside of the classroom, my band won the annual "Battle of the Bands" held by the school and we were awarded \$500 and the opportunity to

open for Travis Porter and Ben Rector at the GCSU Homecoming Concert. We were really shocked by this, as we had only been a full band for about a month; however, we worked really hard and put in a lot of time in practicing, so it was great to see it pay off in that way!"



Lawton Rhodes, Senior, University of Georgia. "I have been getting involved with my major. I am a Risk Management major, and I have joined both the Insurance Society and Gamma Iota Sigma. Being involved with these clubs has given me exposure to the variety of opportunities within the insurance industry.

"I am really proud of becoming a Terry Ambassador for the Terry College of Business. It was a very competitive process and will allow me to build my networking skills with alumni as well as my peers. Along with networking I will be able to build my leadership and interpersonal skills through guiding potential Terry students along the application process. This position will also allow me to give tours to potential students."



MARY GRACE HAGER



Alumni Spotlight

BY SHANNON FRIEDMANN HATCH

“What do you want to do before you die?”

Dr. Michael Lindsay presented this question to his group of researchers over lunch one day in the summer of 2010 at Rice University. This was the professor's version of small talk—sandwiches with a side of sociology.

Although an English major, Mary Grace Hager worked with Dr. Lindsay's team to help analyze, code, and crunch the data from his PLATINUM leadership study. Despite her love of writing, she surprised herself with the confidence and swiftness of her answer: “I would like to publish something someday.”

Today, four years later, she holds a hardcover copy of *View from the Top: An Inside Look at How People in Power See and Shape the World*. On the cover, her name in the byline. The book, a culmination of a decade of research collected during the PLATINUM study, discusses the findings of Dr. Lindsay's 550 interviews with those who stand at the peak of power and influence. What are the commonalities of their climb? What actions led to their ascent? How do they stay tethered to the top?

Dr. Lindsay offered Mary Grace a chance to co-author the book in the fall of 2011. In addition to her previous work with the



project, she had taken one of his classes at Rice (social theory) but they had little experience writing together. “After the first few months, I realized just how much work it entailed,” she remembers. During the research phase, the interviews had been tagged with more than 100 different codes. Drafting an outline meant disseminating that information, looking for patterns and talking points. In order to complete the project on deadline, her goal was to write a chapter a month. Dr. Lindsay would then edit all her work and request an updated draft. “It was a humbling experience,” she says of the two-year project. A book tour and symposium televised on C-SPAN culminated their work.

Once the book was done, Mary Grace worked as Special Assistant to Dr. Lindsay at Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts (he was appointed president there in 2011). She focused on communications at the college and coordinating the Presidential Fellows program, a group of exceptional students on their own upward trajectory. She is about to embark on a new path as an associate researcher at Boston Consulting Group.

Her next book... Mary Grace says for now her literary pursuits are focused on finishing *The Lowland* by Jhumpa Lahiri or reading Rainbow Rowell, currently one of her favorite authors. “I keep the public library system alive,” she says with a laugh.



“We all have different opportunities and connections; make the most of those that are available to you.”



Five Habits of Highly Successful Leaders

After co-authoring *View from the Top*, a recently released book on leadership, Mary Grace Hager discovered that no matter where powerful people begin, their paths to the peak has many similarities. Here are some of the book's takeaways.

1. Look for a catalyst. “Many leaders in their early twenties take part in a catalyst, a program that gives them the connections and the generalized knowledge necessary to propel them to

leadership. Examples include the White House Fellowship, Harvard Business School, or business consulting.”

- 2. Find a mentor.** “We found that exclusive schooling and wealth didn’t impact whether or not leaders made it to the top—it was more whether or not they found a mentor in their early career that set their upward trajectory.”
- 3. Specialize and generalize.** “To move up, you need to excel in one field (specialize), but to succeed in

leadership, you need to have a wide range of knowledge (generalize).”

- 4. Maximize your opportunities.** “We all have different opportunities and connections; make the most of those that are available to you.”
- 5. Set aside time to think.** “It’s easy to get caught up in the tyranny of the urgent. Set aside time to think through big issues and make sure you’re heading in the right direction.”

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BEAUTY OF CHARACTER AND STRENGTH OF INTELLECT



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If “history has been a great silencer of women,” as a popular Southern writer repeatedly argues, the Cobb women were anomalies. They were Victorian in many ways and surely understood the rigid social mores of the day, but they had a knack for getting things done and left behind prominent marks on their societies.

Like her younger brother, Tom, Laura Cobb was independent and well educated. Born in 1818, Laura was the second child and first daughter of John A. and Sarah Robinson Rootes Cobb. In 1842, at the age of twenty-four, she married Williams Rutherford. Family correspondence indicates that Williams was not her only suitor. John B. Lamar, brother of Mary Ann Lamar, Howell Cobb’s wife, expressed in letters his love for Laura. For whatever reasons, Laura instead chose Williams Rutherford. The rejection must have crushed John B. Lamar: He never married.

The couple’s early years of marriage were somewhat unsettled. By her own admission, Laura saw her husband as an unlikely planter. In 1846, a job opening appeared for a mathematics professor at the University of Georgia. Eager for John to obtain success and stability, Laura nudged her brother Tom to help secure him the position. Cobb did, and soon the couple settled into Athens life as an academic household. With stability came family: Laura and Williams had eight children, one of whom died in early childhood.

History recalls Laura’s tireless work on behalf of wounded Confederate soldiers who were returning to Athens during the Civil War. She was a founding member and director of the Soldiers’ Aid Society, an organization dedicated to helping Confederate soldiers by providing boxes of warm clothing, blankets, and foodstuffs. Her efforts earned her the title: “The soldier’s friend.”

After the war, the group reorganized to become the Ladies Memorial Association. Laura served as its first president, and remained in the position until her death in 1888. During that time, she led the efforts to erect the Confederate monument in Athens in 1872. Following her death, the group was again reorganized and became part of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. With its establishment, the local chapter took as its name the “Laura Rutherford Chapter No. 88 of the UDC” and operates today as an active organization devoted to the memory of the sacrifice of the Confederate soldier.

Laura was also known for her efforts to advance women’s education in Athens. After Franklin College (now known as The University of Georgia) opened its doors in 1801, Athenians naturally took a special interest in education. Local young men followed a coursework that prepared them for college. Coursework included ancient languages and mathematics. The typical curriculum for girls, however, focused on the social and natural arts. They received instruction in flower arranging, music training, needlepoint, and some classes in botanicals. The disparity

between the curricula chafed Laura, so much so that she took pen in hand.

In 1854, she broke silence via an anonymous letter written to the editor of the *Southern Banner*. She decried the fact that Athens provided every opportunity for the advancement of male culture and education, but none for girls. Ladies received little practical or professional training, she claimed, although they possessed the natural abilities to excel in the classroom and beyond. What solution remained, added Laura, was worse than a life of ignorance: a Northern education after which girls “return home with minds half prejudiced against their native State.... Shame upon Classic Athens!” What Athens needed, Laura said, was a proper female academy.

What anonymity existed in print was absent in the Cobb households. Laura clearly expressed her opinion to her brother Tom, who was anything but a wallflower. When he read the guest editorial in the newspaper, he knew big sister was at a crossroads. Tom also had three daughters of his own. A subsequent response op-ed by a wealthy gentleman that asserted all women needed to know was how to read the New Testament and to spin and weave clothing for her family surely left Tom aghast. He needed no other provocation to champion the cause.

Working with the same zeal he was (in)famously known for in other projects, Tom immediately canvassed the town, drummed up support, and organized a board of trustees. An incipient school was born. More important, he

solicited for donations among his colleagues and cadre of wealthy friends. Some gave money, others merchandise, while some provided in-kind materials. Through it all, he made the list of donors public. He sold the merchandise, collected the money, and used the materials. When one Athenian fell back on his pledge, Cobb scolded him and said, "If you don't pay it, I will!"

In a relatively short period of time, Tom raised the necessary \$25,000. In 1859, the Lucy Cobb Institute opened its doors. Naturally, Laura was its director. Her four daughters were among the first girls enrolled in the new school.

Laura Cobb Rutherford died in 1888. In memorium, the *Weekly Banner-Watchman* wrote that she was "known from girlhood for her beauty of character and strength of intellect."

Seems to have been a family trait.

From the *Southern Banner*, August 24, 1854:
Female Education in Athens

There has recently been so much excitement about our State University, so much said and written, so many fears entertained that she might suffer in some material way, that the commotion has extended from the mountains to the sea. And nowhere has it been greater than in our own community. This is as it should be. The old University, the reputation of its venerable President and able Professors should be closely watched and warmly defended when foes assail. The training up and education of our sons, and their success in after life, are subjects which have a deep hold upon our hearts.

But we would ask, is all this anxiety and apprehension to be felt for the education of our sons, whilst our daughters are allowed to grow up in comparative ignorance? For fifteen or twenty years has the cause of female education in Athens lain dormant. True, there are innumerable primary schools, each under the superintendence of one teacher. Indeed the very number seems the greatest evil to be met. We do not mean to detract one iota from the merits of these teachers; they are, so far as we know, to the contrary, all that they should be. But would we be satisfied for our sons to complete their education under the instruction to be derived from one teacher? Or do we indeed think that the female mind is so capacious as that from one source can be drawn perfect information on all the subjects taught? No, we cannot think this. We are conscious that our daughters merely skim the surface of all their studies without deriving solid information from any. And too often do we painfully realize with them, that
"A little learning is a dangerous thing,"
and that it would be far better to
"Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring."



The Lucy Cobb Institute, founded in 1859 by Thomas R. R. Cobb.

What constitutes the education of females in Athens? We answer some years of instruction in these primary schools, with a few music and French lessons. Our daughters are then sent forth into the world at the age of fifteen or sixteen, with minds undisciplined and uninformed, to buffet with the cares and difficulties of life; and without any means of support save those to be derived from manual labor; should they be reduced to poverty. Many feeling the destitution at home, send their daughters abroad—some to Northern schools, where, during their whole course, they have their feelings continually wounded with reflections upon their domestic institutions, or return home with minds half prejudiced against their native State; while others are sent to high schools and colleges in our own State, for our neighbors all around are more alive and awake on this subject than we are. Shame upon Classic Athens! Shame upon the seat of science and literature! Shame upon the wealth and erudition of our citizens! No wonder that the genius of learning should half retire, and grievously threaten a total withdrawal from our midst!

It is now established beyond doubt, that the female mind is susceptible of the highest state of cultivation. Have not some of the most learned works upon the most abstruse [sic]

sciences, proceeded from their [sic] pens? Can we expect such things from our daughters with the advantages they enjoy at home? Some may say this is not desirable. Admitting it, we still contend that the more learned and better informed, the more capable and better fitted will they be for filling their allotted stations in society. What man would object that his helpmate should be able to appreciate and understand—aye, even be able to assist him, if need be, in his various duties? And who cannot see the necessity that the master's mind should be well trained, in order to lay in the child's [sic] mind a solid foundation upon which the future superstructure is to be reared?

We would call upon Athenians to awake from their lethargy upon this subject. Let vigorous measures be at once adopted to establish in our midst a school or college of such reputation that those who came [sic] here to educate their sons, may at the same time educate their daughters. There are wealth and talent sufficient for the undertaking. We hope there are some with liberality and gallantry enough to begin the enterprise. This is all that is wanting to make Athens what it should be; and it will be a proud and prosperous day for her when it shall be done.

A Mother



Tea set purchased by Tom Watson for his sister Julia Watson Cliatt's children.



STEEPED IN HISTORY



Sticks & Stones

BY MICHELLE L. ZUPAN

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about tea. Maybe because we have several large events and numerous field trips coming up so I've been drinking far too much of it ... regardless, I've been thinking about tea.

Camellia sinensis is the Linnean name for the tea plant. It is native to Asia, as are the decorative camellias we so know and love in the South. Tea was cultivated, consumed, and used medicinally in China for millennia before the Dutch first brought tea to the "Western world" in 1610 as a commodity of the Dutch East India Company trade network. The French denounced tea as a "fad of the century," but the English adopted it straightaway.

Tea came with the earliest settlers to Roanoke and Jamestowne, but the first attempt at tea cultivation in the New World was in 1744 in the Trust Garden in Savannah. It did not go well. It wasn't until 1772 that successful cultivation occurred on Skidaway Island, also in Georgia. Cultivation expanded as far north as Pennsylvania and Maryland, though the coastal plantations always fared somewhat better. Today, there are only a few American

tea plantations remaining: Wadmalaw, South Carolina; Fairhope, Alabama; Burlington, Washington; and Hawaii.

With the advent of tea into the Western world also came tea furnishings—teapots, teacups, tea tables, and the like were imported as well. Soon the European porcelain makers, and eventually the Americans, began turning out specialized teacups. Silversmiths hammered out tip pots, creamers, and sugar bowls. Cabinetmakers copied lacquered and inlaid Asian tea tables (called japanned). Eventually the furniture makers would create their own tea-furniture styles suitable for the ever-changing western fads. Tilt top, pillar and claw, Pembroke, and piecrust tables generally started their lives as tea tables. The tables were light and easy to move and to store. Eventually, as the tea craze waned, the tables were repurposed as occasional, sewing, and lamp tables.

The creation of “afternoon tea” is attributed to Duchess of Bedford Anna Stanhope sometime in the early 1800s. She experienced a “sinking feeling” between lunch and the evening meal and though a bit of sustenance might help. Afternoon tea became all the rage by the mid-nineteenth century and tea etiquette was born. The

craze waned in the early twentieth century, replaced in a part by coffee, though tea is still consumed widely around the world. Turkey consumes the most tea, at about seven pounds per person annually; the U.K. consumes about 4.2 pounds per person per year; America is near the bottom of the list with only a 1/2 pound per person annually consumed (I am doing my part to increase that number).

We don’t know if the Watsons were tea drinkers, presumably their British forbears were, but regardless, Hickory Hill is in possession of some fine pieces of tea paraphernalia, to include a walnut drop-leaf tea table that was repurposed as an occasional table, a child’s tea set, and a fine silver tilt-tip silver kettle. Tom Watson wrote occasionally about tea in the Jeffersonian Magazine, generally in reference to a certain Party held up North that involved tea and a harbor. He did have a few choice words about tea grown in South Carolina when Senator Ben “Pitchfork” Tillman proposed a ten-cent tariff on tea: “This gentleman produces a few thousand pounds of stuff that is politely called tea.” Guess it wasn’t very tasty.

Till next time—I’ll raise a cuppa to ya!

“This gentleman produces a few thousand pounds of stuff that is politely called tea.”



Tip-Tilt Teapot—one of the silver tea pots owned by the family.



Drop-leaf Tea Table, c. 1870.

MAGNOLIAS ABOUND



Forest for the Trees

BY DEXTER RHODES

I played football at a tiny rural high school an eon ago. We had a wide receiver named One-Eyed Willington. Best I can recall, he couldn't see well with his left eye. Our team wasn't too well versed in strategy, but even our coach knew not to let Willington set up on the right side of the line. It's mighty difficult to catch a ball over your left shoulder when you can't see out of your left eye.

I don't recall the exact game, but I know it was our playoff season. It was Hail Mary time, we were down by six and tension was high. I was playing quarterback. Just before we broke from the huddle, I made sure Willington remembered to run down the left sideline. He looked at both hands, confirmed which was left and nodded obediently. In those days quarterbacks didn't play much from the shotgun, so when the center hiked me the ball, I dropped back quickly, and glanced down the right sideline to my number-one receiver. The back had

him covered like a duck on a June bug. I dodged a tackle and looked left, and there was Willington, running like the wind, three steps ahead of the defender. I wound up and let it fly.

I bet you want me to tell you he snagged that football and ran it in. He didn't. Just as he was about to catch the ball—a fine throw, mind you—a safety came across the field at full gallop and took out poor Willington. I mean that boy really clobbered our wide receiver. Through the yellow flags I could see Willington flopping on the ground. When we got him up, he just staggered around on wobbly legs in a figure eight. Looking back it wasn't too funny, but then, seeing as we took back the ball on their twelve-yard line with a first down, it kinda made us laugh. Willington became our hero, and we renamed him Wagglin' Willington. After the game (we lost), the cheerleaders kept askin' me to show them how Willington walked when he got his bell rung. They made

up a line dance based upon the Waggle, taught it to us all, and we performed it for Willington at the Senior prom. That was some swell dance.

I was thinking about all that and my old friend Wagglin' One-Eyed Willington when I was playing in the magnolias at Hickory Hill the other day. Magnolias are fun to climb when you're a kid, but when you're old they appeal mostly because of their fragrance. I had just about stuck my face full into a magnolia blossom when I saw a honeybee in the center, and he was wagglin'.

Honeybees don't play football or attend dances, but they do communicate with body movement. They waggle to inform the other members of their colony where to find nectar. This poor little fella must've drunk too much magnolia nectar, or he was mighty self-conscious, because he was wagglin' without an audience. Tickled me just like Willington did on the sidelines. I'm no Fred



Astaire, but I did the Waggle right then and there, just me and the bee. Magnolias will make you crazy like that.

Magnolia grandiflora, otherwise known as Bull Bay, Big Laurel, Laurel Tree of Carolina, or Great Flowering Magnolia, abound at Hickory Hill. That's because Tom Watson purchased 100 magnolias just after he renovated his last house. I've got a copy of the invoice: He paid twenty dollars on the twenty-third day of January in the year 1906 of our Lord.

The tree is named for Pierre Magnol, who lived from 1638 to 1715. Magnol was a professor of botany in France. Kind of makes sense that Watson, a scholar of France, would plant magnolias all over Hickory Hill.

The parental plant and beloved specimen mother tree of all of Hickory Hill flanks the west side of the house. This main tree is a

large specimen plant at thirty-seven inches in diameter. Sixteen related trees range in size from nine to nineteen. They appear to have sprouted from the original. When you look at the family, you think it is a single aggressive tree that has taken over the west lawn.

I like family, so whenever I come across a volunteer magnolia I scoop it up and bring it back to the greenhouse and transplant it. I've gathered up switches that were no more than two or three feet tall and now have specimen magnolia trees ranging in size from ten to eighteen feet. If you water them, they will grow!

Every home needs a magnolia, but I'd advise giving the tree about sixty to seventy feet of growing room and enough general space to do this tree some justice. These trees can take full sun or partial shade, but remember that if planted in the shade will not obtain as many blooms as a plant in full

sun. Last year the blooms were so fragrant that visitors could not forget the pleasing fragrance in and around Hickory Hill.

Like bees and football players, magnolias have a downside: Those leathery leaves. They drop and hardly ever decompose. If you don't like raking, you might think about a less-demanding tree. On the other hand, magnolia leaves are great for decorations at holiday time. If you have boys in the house, they will absolutely love the magnolia cones, which we used to pretend were hand grenades. Throw enough of them and they might wind up high school quarterbacks.

Remember, if you cannot find me at Hickory Hill or in the forest I might be in the midst of a Southern magnolia smelling the blossoms and wagglin' with the bees. I'm crazy for magnolias. Stop and join me, won't you?

THE FLIP SIDE



BY TAD BROWN

It snowed the February day Tommy was born. He was early and quite a surprise. In the weary dawn after he was safely delivered into this world, I called a friend to regret to an outing in the woods. He pressed me for a reason. “I am a father,” I said through tears.

My son grew in the remarkable ways boys do. Even as a toddler, his appearance was that of an adult. Colleagues at work would see him in the hallways, following dad, and say to me: “He looks just like a little man!” He did. By the age of two, it was if my son had quietly and completely purloined the countenance of his maternal grandfather. In those sippy-cup days we called him Pooh, though we rigidly christened him with a name to remind him of his proud lineage.

Since my teen years, I was eager to be a dad. In my maudlin adolescence, reflecting on the myriad disasters divorce reaps on children, I forged one bitter covenant with my mother: “If nothing else, I will be a damn fine father.”

“Don’t you ever forget you said that,” she sternly replied.

Parenthood was not a chore. Never was there a thought that parenting was an arduous, uphill forced march. Rather, I came to think raising children was a celebration, a rare chance to rejoice, and a way for an adult to chase fun and get away with it.

Most of all, I longed to expose my son to what joys I knew. I wanted to share experiences with a person over whose thoughts I could have some control so that he would love things like I did and for reasons precious to me. Just as surely, I tried to live a vicarious childhood. Like most parents I wanted to correct the past and build something far better than me.

When Tommy learned to walk, I began to kidnap him from the house. I’d toss him into one seat, throw the diaper bag into another, mumble an indecipherable

destination to my wife, and race out the drive. Together father and son transformed every errand, no matter how mundane, into adventures. Haircuts became time to wander a nearby airport hanger and stare at private planes. Trips to the dump were excuses to lunch at a pool hall. Mostly we ran away to the woods.

I never knew my son to fear the outdoors. When he was knee-high to a grasshopper, I hauled him through a remote 1,000-acre densely wooded tract to remove the winter’s deer stands. “Stay right here,” I would tell him at the base of the tree as I ascended to extract a stand. On one occasion, I came down to find no son. I called, I yelled, but no answer came.

Surprise turned to alarm. Trying hard not to panic, I began to walk hurriedly in concentric circles, one larger than the previous, the way hunters search

for downed game when all spoor has hopelessly vanished. For the first time, I was amazed that circumstance could carry my boy so far from me so quickly.

I would be dishonest if I did not admit I also dreadfully feared the repercussions at home if I returned with a damaged son.

At length, I found him safe, sitting on a log playing with a twig, quietly singing to himself. "Didn't you hear me calling for you?!" I scolded. "Uh huh," he said. "Why didn't you answer?" "Ump-no," he replied, which translated from two-year-old speak read, "I don't know," but might just as well have meant, "I was doing plenty fine without you, thank you very much."

On another excursion, I brought him to the woods to construct a deer stand. We erect few permanent stands on our property, preferring the mobility of purchased climbing and hang-on stands, but a particular ridge begged for an enduring solution, so logistically perfect was the spot in relation to a creek, a hardwood draw, and bedding area.

I located a healthy water oak whose trunk split three feet off the ground so that it formed, in effect, two separate trees that grew parallel to one another. All those ladder rails needed were rungs and a stable deck to form a perfect treetop perch.

So I hauled tools and lumber and Tommy into the woods one Saturday to erect a platform for memories. I took my time and set the rungs evenly spaced and with a level. When I reached what I thought was an adequate height I framed a floor, supported it with angle braces and finished it with smooth decking boards. Between the galvanized hardware and the treated lumber, I knew only the growth of the tree would strain the stand.

The project took the better part of an afternoon. Through all the construction, my son remained contently at the base of the tree, playing with the tools not in use. While he mimicked his father's hammer strokes he sang aloud a familiar nursery song:

*Do you know the muffin man?
The muffin man, the muffin man.
Do you know the muffin man
Who lives on Drury Lane?*



The next verse, written to be sung in response, he sang as well:

*Yes, I know the muffin man,
The muffin man, the muffin man.
Yes, I know the muffin man
Who lives on Drury Lane.*

This went on for some time: the boy singing and the father building. Then something unscripted happened and remains among the more remarkable scenes I've encountered in the wild.



Beyond my son's singing I distinctly heard running. The cadence of an animal bounding constantly and unchecked is unmistakable in the woods, especially with the winter's leaves dry and on the ground. At a distance it sounds not unlike ocean waves meeting the shore, rhythmic and constant. I stopped my work and listened closely and knew by the increasing volume the animal yet unseen was running right at us. Why did not matter. Inasmuch as I was twenty feet above my toddler son and, thus, unable to offer any defense for him, I grew a touch alarmed.

Suddenly through a small group of young pines, not fifty feet in front of Tommy, burst a young eight-point buck. The two met eyes at precisely the same moment, causing the deer to slam on brakes and skid on rigid legs another twenty feet, throwing up leaf litter from the forest floor with the violence of his

stop. The deer and my son, close enough to trade spit, stared at one another for a lifetime. Twenty feet above the remarkable drama an awed spectator struggled not to fall from the tree.

Finally the deer snorted, wheeled on his rear legs and darted away to Tommy's left. My three-year-old son raised to his shoulder the tool with which he played—a carpenter's level—and sighting down its edge swung with the bounding buck: "Bang. Bang. Bang."

When the deer was gone, and the woods grew silent, my son nonchalantly returned to his game of sawing and pounding. "Do you know the muffin man ..."

At length I regained my breath and called to my boy. "Son," I asked, "did you see that deer?"

"Yes, Daddy. I shot it."

"Why did you shoot it?" I replied.

"Because it had horns."

We naturally named the perch the Muffin Man Stand.

My son found maturity in part because I forced it upon him. When he acted out or was on the verge of tears, I would harshly interrupt the childish moment and, with an index finger extended, command: "Be big!" In time, I turned our familiar caution sign into one with more direction: "Be a leader of men," a command my wife and daughter always found silly.

“...I needed my son to understand permanent things and beauty and the power of culture and inheritance.”



It wasn't to me. When he was still young enough to have a wild imagination, and long before Peter Jackson stumbled his way through Middle-earth, I read aloud to my son at his bedside *The Hobbit* and the trilogy *The Lord of the Rings*. That exercise took two wonderful years. I read it to him because a prep school mentor of mine long ago reminded his teenage class the reason he was teaching us fantasy with the same rigor he did Shakespeare was “because you will never forget it.”

Also, I wanted my young son to see chivalry and honor through Tolkien's eyes. We read within sight of a small portrait of Lee that lived in Tommy's bookcase. I wanted him to know about the conduct of war and of defeat and loss and irrepressible love and loyalty. You might say I needed my son to understand permanent things and beauty and the power of culture and inheritance. To that end, Tolkien is strong medicine for a boy's mind.

He grew and, increasingly, sports and academics consumed time otherwise spent outdoors together. Still, the pursuit of deer and turkeys remained a priority. We chronicled the seasons by recording memories on film and tucking photographs in an album that lay on a coffee table within easy reach. “One for the book,” marked episodes, not necessarily trophies, and by the time

Tommy crossed into his eighteenth year the book was nearly full of fish and birds and mammals and boys and dads and smiles.

This past spring, Tommy enjoyed his last turkey hunt at home. The second Saturday of the season, I was out of town and he hunted alone. Circumstance and a gobbler guided him along a familiar ridge and in time he stood where he met his first deer sixteen years before. At the base of the water oak were the jumbled remains of the Muffin Man Stand: boards and nails that had finally given way to the inevitable growth of the tree. Tommy texted me a picture of the wreck, followed by a colon and an open parenthesis. The script was complete.

Now much of what I urged upon him has happened. This summer I watched a young man cross a stage to receive a passport to another adventure that will take him far from the stains of cypress ponds and the crisp quiet of November hardwood bottoms and the crackle of pine knot campfires. The tales that lay in front of him are now his alone. His exodus is just as complete as shelving a book.

Despite his absence and all my selfish

concerns, responsibilities loom and chores don't end. On the weekends, I still go to the farm and apply myself, plowing or planting or searching for signs of wildlife, but the exercise lacks a dimension of anticipation and surprise. Now nature's magic is strangely dim and elusive. I suddenly realize that every act is hopelessly and consciously anchored in the present, rigidly constrained by reality and the knowing that what I build will have no memory. Intimacy without companionship is a tepid, melancholy thing.

Back home in lighter moments of reflection I kid my wife that we should adopt a Nigerian soccer team so I can again have colorful playmates.

But in the evenings at the farm when I am tired and alone and the world is quiet, I linger on the back porch of our hunting cabin, look across the pond to the setting sun, and through the mist struggle in vain to touch the echoes of music.

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