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2015 Scholarship RECIPIENTS COMPLETE LISTING

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EXPLORE T.R.R. COBB HOUSE TREASURES
“You see a few grey-haired men sitting on the side-walk, or on the piazza of the cross-roads store: ask them how
the world of today compares to the world that they lived in, before the War between the States. They will tell you,
that the world of today is altogether different... Previous to the War between the States, political education was
maintained by public discussions of great principles, by great men. Since the War, political education has been
neglected; and the people who once knew that they were sovereigns, with ample power to control their public
affairs, now act upon the idea that they are subjects, without the liberty of doing anything, except to pay taxes,
and obey the orders of those in office.”

—Thomas E. Watson, 1917
The Watson-Brown Foundation, through creativity, diligence and financial support, labors to improve education in the American South by funding its schools and students, preserving its history, encouraging responsible scholarship and promoting the memory and values of our spiritual founders.

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The Foundation will award 200 new scholarships for the 2016–2017 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, 2016. For more information please contact the Foundation at 706-595-8886 or visit www.watson-brown.org.

SCHOLARS’ & ALUMNI’S DAY

The Watson-Brown Foundation hosted its annual Scholars’ Day program on May 16, 2015, 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, 235 new scholars will attend 69 different colleges and universities across the country and as far away as Idaho State University and the University of Wisconsin. Also joining the ranks of institutions this year: Tufts University, University of Miami, Williams College and the Berklee College of Music.

The Foundation received almost 1,200 applications from its designated eighteen counties region in Georgia and South Carolina. Award recipients averaged a 1290 SAT score (combined math and verbal) and an average ACT composite score of 26. The new group of recipients improved their class rank from top eight to top seven 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.

Staff of the Watson-Brown Foundation set up to a beautiful, partly cloudy morning, and thankfully the rain held off to allow for a humid and warm afternoon. Students and families enjoyed refreshments on the lawn, along with a few games of cornhole, Bocce ball and Frisbee. Sarah Allgood, Director of Scholarships, addressed the young scholars with fun facts about their fellow Watson-Brown Foundation cohort members, as well as a few tips on being successful in college. Tad Brown, Foundation President, presented a lively oral history of the Foundation, complete with a slideshow of historic photographs. 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!
Sarah Cooke, Furman University, Junior:

“Corrymeela begins when you leave.” This simplistic yet powerful saying adorned the wall in the Corrymeela Community in Ballycastle, Northern Ireland. It’s meant to inspire generations of visitors to continue their adventures of peace and reconciliation once they leave and return to their original locations. I had the privilege to visit and take part in the community for a week over spring break this year through Furman University’s Cothran Center for Vocational Reflection. We grew closer as a group through open and vulnerable conversation, though we had all known and spent time with each other prior to the trip in our biweekly meetings. The space at Corrymeela, in addition to the volunteers and our guide, encouraged thoughtful and meaningful discourse about the political and religious state of Northern Ireland. We also discussed our own life philosophies and our own calling in the world. This experience solidified my desire to work with people and to intentionally engage in conversation and storytelling any chance I have. Our group only had one short week to live and absorb Corrymeela and Northern Ireland, and I came back with a network of interactions and connections that will only grow stronger with time.”
Matthew Atkinson, Georgia Regents University, Junior: “This semester was both an eventful and an enjoyable one. It was the first semester in which I took classes geared toward my newly chosen major. I started those classes and realized that I made the right choice in switching because I enjoyed learning about computer networking, security, and other branches of the Applied Information Systems and Technology (AIST) major at Georgia Regents University. I was so blessed to not only find the major I most enjoy, but also to have great professors who helped me when I was not entirely sure what to do or when I doubted myself. They pushed me to do what I thought was right, and I realized was just doubting myself for no reason at all. I was also very happy to maintain my 4.0 GPA, and, without this scholarship, I would probably not be able to focus so heavily on my work and thankfully maintain my 4.0 GPA. I want to extend a warm thank you to the Watson-Brown Foundation for my scholarships so far and hope that others are benefiting from this gift as much as I am.”

Hannah Dillingham, Clemson University, Sophomore: “This year, my first year, was hopefully one of many more wonderful, adventure-filled, challenging, and solid orange years. The experiences I have had the pleasure of having this year, both inside and outside of the classroom, are unlike any I have had before. I took some of the most challenging courses of my life, but I also had some of the most fun moments of my life at Clemson. The academics were rigorous, and I felt the push to better myself and my learning from my professors and my peers. I was also fortunate enough to be greatly involved in the bands at Clemson, both Tiger Band and Symphonic Band, passions that I was able to continue since loving them in high school. Being involved in a college band is an experience like no other, especially when your football team is nationally ranked and recognized. The roar of the crowd and the feeling of being an integral part of the Clemson spirit are absolutely indescribable. While I was able to continue activities I had previously loved, I was also able to explore so many different new activities and become involved in much different organizations. I had the pleasure of beginning to learn the Chinese language this year and becoming a member of the Clemson University Chinese Language Club. Not only did I discover that learning this language was something that I enjoyed, but also that it is a language that I would like to pursue fluency in through a language minor. Although I am just finishing wrapping up my first exciting year, I am already looking forward to next year and the intrigue and possibilities it has to offer. I hope to pursue internships and potentially be a tutor within the engineering department. With so many experiences and discoveries this past year, I can only dream of what this coming year has to offer. I owe so much of these experiences and the hope of future experiences to the support of the Watson-Brown Foundation. I will strive academically, pursue new and diverse experiences, and play Tiger Rag just a little louder and with more enthusiasm because of it.”
Robert Jordan, Georgia Institute of Technology, Senior: “This past year I have begun to really see where my degree can take me. In the fall, I started a co-op with E-Z-GO, a branch of Textron, based in my hometown Augusta, Ga. At E-Z-GO, I have gotten to apply the general design tools I learned in school and gain specific knowledge working with the specialized vehicles produced there. There is a program they offer that will allow me to travel around the country to work at various companies within Textron such as Bell and Cessna. With a great opportunity like this, it seems likely that I will continue working with Textron, perhaps at E-Z-GO itself, after I graduate.

“On a related note, at Georgia Tech as part of accepting a co-op offer, you are required to have three semesters of school left to alternate with the three semesters you work in the co-op. Since I only had two semesters of school left, I had to pick up a minor in mathematics to fill another semester of classes. The classes I have started taking towards my minor have already shown their use. The mathematical methods I learned in these classes were the supporting math behind the main ideas in many of my engineering courses. I look forward to being able to combine the knowledge from my minor with my engineering base when I actually pursue a career.”

Megan Gillespie, University of South Carolina Aiken, Junior: “This past year at college has been very exciting for me, but I would first like to thank the Watson-Brown Foundation for providing funds to make my education possible. My father is permanently disabled now and my mother is his caregiver, as well as being a caregiver to my grandparents (her parents). If not for the scholarship money, I would not be able to attend college and pursue my degree in elementary education. I was inducted into the National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi) this past year, and I am very excited to participate in activities and contribute my leadership skills to benefit others. I also took and passed the Praxis exam, which is the exam I had to pass in order to apply to USCA’s School of Education Professional Program next spring. I attempted this exam earlier than was necessary and passed it, so I have that “ready to go” when I am able to apply for the program. I actually consider this my greatest accomplishment of this year! This summer, I will be tutoring a youngster whose name is Nick. Nick is autistic and will be entering high school this fall. I plan to go over some things with him (especially reading and math) to help him prepare for his high school classes. I am looking forward to this teaching experience. I feel so honored just to be in college and for this opportunity to pursue my future dream of being a teacher. I am thankful to the Watson-Brown Foundation for your generosity in providing me this opportunity. My hope is that I can pay this forward in the future to others who desire an education but cannot afford it.”

Taylor Murphy, University of Oklahoma, Senior: “This has been a good year. I have continued to march through the required slate of courses in physics and mathematics; in both cases, I took senior-level classes and some graduate-level courses, all of which were quite rewarding. I am essentially done with my undergraduate coursework. Next fall, I will be taking only graduate courses in order to prepare for graduate school in physics. Parallel to my academic advancement has been a great deal of research activity. Last fall I began working with my current adviser; he will be working with me on my senior thesis. We are doing work in quantum field theory, specifically with quantum vacuum fluctuations. Since I joined the group, we have published three papers (one more has been submitted for review since then). I will continue my work uninterrupted over the summer; if all goes well, I will produce some publishable work on my own. I’m very happy with my current situation; at this rate, the transition from a coursework-dominated undergraduate program to a research-heavy graduate appointment will be very smooth and enjoyable. Research occupies the vast majority of my time, but I maintain some other activities. Most notably, I have..."
Charlotte Greenway. University of Georgia, Senior: “This semester, I reached out to my previous biochemistry professor and asked if I could be one of the peer-mentors in her classroom for the spring 2015 semester. I cannot begin to explain how amazing that experience was! I got to see all the work that went on behind the scenes to create the perfect classroom/learning environment and had the opportunity to bond with the students and help them pursue their goals. The professor’s personal research focused on student involvement and learning tactics. Because of this, we were not there to simply give the students all the answers. We were there to teach them how to analyze the information presented to them and draw their own conclusions. In doing so, we followed the principles of the age-old proverb, ‘Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.’ We taught the students to ‘fish’ for themselves and become better, lifelong scholars! Being involved in this process taught me to become a better scholar also. I, too, learned how to delve into new information, pick it apart and reason it out with myself and others, and come to logical conclusions. No longer must I wait to be hand-fed all the answers. I can be even more involved in my own education than I previously believed. Learning does not stop with school or teachers. It extends beyond, into everyday life, and the way you view life and the world. It depends on me and it depends on you. How far do you want your personal education to go?”

Alexandra Thompson. Georgia Southern University, Sophomore: “I have gained so many friends through the University Honors Program and the Georgia Southern Music Department. My best friends are from countries all over the world and college has become a place where I learn and grow daily. I came into college with the desire to succeed, and I continue to fuel that desire every day. Despite the personal setbacks I had this year, I continued to push through and work towards achieving my goals. I was still figuring out how to balance school work, music rehearsals, study time, extracurricular meetings and church rehearsals during my second semester of college. I now see that the key is to set aside time each day for exercise and studying after classes. That frees your day up for rehearsals and hanging out with friends. I have learned so many valuable lessons in college, and time management has been one of the biggest lessons that I learned my first year. The second lesson that I learned is that your personal beliefs will be tested on a daily basis because college brings together people with very different mindsets. You have to stick to your beliefs and remember to be yourself, no matter what everyone else is doing. The third lesson I learned is that there will be setbacks, but you can persevere if you put your mind to it. I got very sick at the beginning of the semester and had very bad vertigo, an ear infection, and migraines. I didn’t know how I would get my work done when I could barely walk straight without the help of a friend. My body was weak and I spent many weeks in bed, but I continued to do what I could and I ended up passing all of my classes. Nothing can stop you from achieving your goals if you make up your mind to succeed. The last lesson I learned is that it is okay to grow and change. I came into college as a music major, but over time I began to love many other topics and I did not see myself being a professional musician anymore. The thought of changing majors scared me, but it is okay to find new interests. College is a place where you can find your own path and discover your true interests. I am learning more about myself everyday and I am truly thankful for the opportunities that I have received during my Freshman year at Georgia Southern University. I am now a Diversity Peer Educator for the Multicultural Student Center, I sing in the Southern Chorale, I play violin in the Camerata Orchestra, and I also am a member of the Southern African American Sisterhood. These groups have truly helped me to blossom into a well-rounded and confident young woman. My favorite organization has been the Diversity Peer Educators group because I truly believe that students of all races, educational backgrounds, and sexual orientations should feel comfortable on campus. Overall, my Freshman year has been great, and I am looking forward to the fall semester!”
John McLeod, Clemson University, Junior: “Over the last two years, I have been involved in a creative inquiry at Clemson University called Clemson Engineers for Developing Countries. It is a research project in which we are partnered with Cange, Haiti, a remote mountainous village, and are working together to create sustainable solutions for many problems that have plagued the community for decades.

“I was fortunate enough to go to Haiti last semester on the spring break trip. It was hectic and challenging, but it proved to be one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. One of the problems addressed by our research project was clean water. While I was down there we were able to install a water filtration system that addressed the high level of sediment in the water, which in combination with our previous work, created a water purification system so robust that we and the Haitians could drink the water with no risk to ourselves.

“It is hard to put into words how incredible the trip was. First of all, it was rewarding to be part of something as meaningful as providing clean water for a village in need. Additionally, I was able to work on a project from concept through to completion. I remember this project starting as nothing more than a group of students recognizing a problem in a developing country; I remember this project only existing on paper in the form of write-ups and budgets and schematics; I remember leaving for Haiti and thinking: Is this really finally happening?; and I remember being so satisfied telling myself that yes, this is really happening. One of the last reasons why this trip was so incredible was the camaraderie that resulted. I had been a part of this team for a little less than two years, and I had gotten to be good friends with many of the other students. However, after spending ten days sweating and laughing with each of them, I can honestly say that I have a bond with those students and many people in the Cange community that will last a lifetime. The impact that our work had on that community and the impact that work had on me will not soon be forgotten, and I am grateful to the Watson-Brown Scholarship Foundation for enabling this opportunity and many others.”

Kaitlyn Shinault, Georgia Institute of Technology, Junior: “This semester was my first semester that I was truly, completely involved. I received many opportunities this semester, which I was more than glad to take advantage of. Aside from a new leadership position at the Georgia Tech Wesley Foundation, this semester I started the first of my psychology classes after declaring my double major in psych and industrial design. This new addition to my curriculum gave me a new perspective on my work, helping me land my first internship here at Georgia Tech. This summer I’m working with an up-and-coming marketing firm, Sideqik. There I’ve learned a lot about business and design. Lessons I’m sure will serve me well in the coming semester as I serve my first term on the executive board of my sorority Alpha Delta Chi.

“Outside of my job and organizations, I’ve gotten to learn some great hands-on skills in my studio classes. This semester I’ve built chairs and a fully functioning lamp without glue or nails. You can see one of the chairs I built this semester in the picture. I’m excited to get back into the shop and continue to make. It’s such a cool experience to see the union of technology, design, and craft in my classes. I can’t wait to see what will continue to unfold as I delve deeper into all my school has to offer me.”
If you’ve ever seen the 1989 Academy Award nominated movie Field of Dreams, then you remember the scene when Iowa farmer Ray Kinsella, played by Kevin Costner, plowed under his corn to make room for a baseball field. His neighbors thought he had lost his mind — imagine what you would think if you saw your neighbor burning his paycheck on his front lawn — but Ray trusted the voice from his cornfield that promised, “If you build it, they will come.”

And come they did. It’s no wonder: Since ancient times, coliseum bleachers have shook with the cheering of crowds; communities have huddled together on metal stadium seats under Friday night lights at kickoff; arenas have echoed with reverberating roars as bands take the stage. The experience of joining together as one voice in a united chorus during a live event is nearly spiritual, and it will only cost you the price of admission.

That’s where Derek Herron comes in.

Since January of this year, Derek has acted as Group Sales Executive for the Augusta GreenJackets, a Class A minor league baseball team with a pipeline to the San Francisco Giants. A key component
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of his job is to fill the stands through ticket sales to local businesses and/or individuals. Although he moved from Atlanta for the position and has held it for less than a year, the fact that his roots stem from 20 miles up I-20 in Aiken, South Carolina, allows him to tap into his connections. “It’s good to have a local boy in the office,” he says with a laugh.

Derek holds an MBA from Texas Tech and a bachelor’s degree in management and economics from Presbyterian College, both which primed him for the business of baseball. His education included classes on sports business ethics, sports law, and psychology in sports. An accomplished athlete himself (he played outfield during undergrad at PC), Derek realized that crunching numbers in a baseball office would ultimately be more fulfilling for him than crunching numbers in a corporate office. He worked diligently as an intern both at PC and Texas Tech in the schools’ compliance offices, processing paperwork for student athletes, organizing records, and interpreting a decade’s-worth of documents to reorganize a database by bylaws. He also worked in the ticket office as a graduate student, processing season tickets and supporting the staff on game day.

These experiences primed him for a job with the Atlanta Hawks as a Membership Associate in 2013. There he reached out to employers and clients to find the best ticket package to meet their needs. “It was common for me to make 100 calls a day,” he recalls. His work paid off, and he led a team of sixteen sales reps in revenue in 2014 – 2015.

It’s not hard to imagine some of the perks related to working for a professional sports organization. Derek says, “I’m just walking around doing my job, and there’s a baseball game going on.” But it’s more than getting to meet the players and staff or the opportunities to access the courtside or the locker rooms. “I can hear the cheers as I work, and I feed off that energy,” he says. “I look around and there are families sitting together or friends having a beer — memories are being created and I know that somehow I helped provide that opportunity.”
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Grovetown, GA

Jackson III, Joseph
Augusta, GA

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Blake, Tershia
Wrens, GA

Dumas, Tatyana
Augusta, GA

Green, Zuwen
Hephzibah, GA

Harris, Daniel
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Hill, Treshaun
Dearing, GA

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Jones, Nygel
Grovetown, GA

Lighten, Carlshia
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Perkins, Carri
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Polite, Lynda
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Sturgis, Brianna
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Swann, Javona
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Walker, Shadricka
Augusta, GA

Webb, Emma
Augusta, GA

Wells, LaPorscha
Augusta, GA

Williams, Lakeya
Augusta, GA

Williams Jr., Nakia
Waynesboro, GA

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Creson, Toni
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Hamilton College

Whitehurst, Anna
Aiken, SC

Harvard University

Gaines, Aliyah
Augusta, GA

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Ho, Mai
Greenville, SC

Idaho State University

Henagan, Sarah
Aiken, SC

Ithaca College

Cooper, Mary
North August, SC

Jackson State University

White, Briana
Augusta, GA

Kennesaw State University

Bowdre, Barry
Augusta, GA

Finch, Alyetora
Thomson, GA

Gilchrist II, Jeffery
Keysville, GA

Long, Jared
Appling, GA

Price, Hannah
Evans, GA

Rogers, Daeshia
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Ruth, Russell
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Hephzibah, GA

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Chancellor, Audrey
Appling, GA

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Midville, GA

Lander University

Anderson, Delshawn
McCormick, SC

Booth, Stevice
Beech Island, SC

Brady, Tyler
Honea Path, SC

Campbell, Anna
Calhoun Falls, SC

Crawford, Diamond
Abbeville, SC

Evans, Devante
Chesnee, SC

Naranjo Tabares, Michelle
Greenville, SC

Owens, Auston
Roebuck, SC

Thomas, Mary
Abbeville, SC

Warnken, Kathryn
North Augusta, SC

Weidman, Eden
North Augusta, SC

Limestone College

Adams, Erica
Warrenville, SC

Elliott, Robert
Abbeville, SC

Louisiana State University

Petras, Robert
Martinez, GA

Mercer University

Davis, Marvin
Hephzibah, GA

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Grovetown, GA

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Melnick, Jarrett
Lincolnton, GA

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Jones, Aaron ................... Spartanburg, SC
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Brooks, Garner ................ Inman, SC
Brooks, Graham ............... Inman, SC
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Rowan, Shelly ............... Greenville, SC
Smith, Douglas ............. Greer, SC

Reed College
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Rhodes College
Harvey, Tyler ................. Greer, SC
McCain, Jamarr .......... North Augusta, SC
Shaw, Morgan ............... Greer, SC

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Rochester Institute of Technology
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Benning, Jasmine ............. Lincolnton, GA
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Lowe, Kadeisha .............. Norwood, GA
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University of Alabama-Berkeley
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Ahmadieh, Maya .................. Grovetown, GA
Alton, Lillian ...................... Martinez, GA
Arrington, Cody ................. Stapleton, GA
Bass, Emily ....................... Lincoln, GA
Blanchard, Cody ................. Grovetown, GA
Bradberry, Helen ................ Augusta, GA
Brett, Foster .................... Bartow, GA
Brown, Ariel ...................... Tignall, GA
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Dowler, Thomas ................ Thomson, GA
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Greenway, Katelyn ............. Elberton, GA
Hall, Leanna ..................... Augusta, GA
Hayes, Dallas ................... Augusta, GA
Hong, Joy ......................... Evans, GA
Howard, Stephen ............... Martinez, GA
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Huynh, Ngoc-Tram ............. Augusta, GA
Huynh, Viet ...................... Augusta, GA
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Krome, Heather ................ Thomson, GA
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Patel, Mihir ....................... Martinez, GA
Paulik, Matthew ............... Sardis, GA
Peters, Jennifer ................ Martinez, GA
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Phillips, Ross .................... Elberton, GA
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Streets, Hannah ............... Martinez, GA
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- Koss, Anna ..................... Appling, GA
- McAvoy, Amy ................... Washington, GA
- Morris, Samantha ............. Appling, GA
- Segars, Keelel ................. Elberton, GA
- Segars, Tyler .................. Dewy Rose, GA

**University of Notre Dame**

- DeMars, Abigail ................ Spartanburg, SC

**University of Oklahoma**

- Murphy, Taylor ................. Greer, SC

**University of Pennsylvania**

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**University of Rochester**

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- Coffey, Steven .................. North Augusta, SC
- Desmarais, Brandee .......... Aiken, SC
- Gillespie, Meghan ............ Clearwater, SC
- Holland, Isabelle ............ Aiken, SC
- Hopkins, Summer .............. North Augusta, SC
- Howard, Kayla ................ Belvedere, SC
- Jackson, Rachael .............. North Augusta, SC
- James, Treyanna .............. Augusta, GA
- Key, Tosheanetta .............. Monetta, SC
- Kilgore, Patsy ................. North Augusta, SC
- Laughinghouse, Amber ....... Trenton, SC
- Learnard, Kristen ............. North Augusta, SC
- McLean, Keturah .............. Aiken, SC
- Moore, Alexis ................ Aiken, SC
- Newsome, Tatiana ............. Windsor, SC
- Rearden, Katelyn ............. Trenton, SC
- Roberts Jr, Thomas ........... Windsor, SC
- Scarborough, Gabrielle ...... Augusta, GA
- Scarborough, Michelle ...... Augusta, GA
- Shaw, Amber ................... Aiken, SC
- Smith, Bryan .................. Aiken, SC
- Swiecki, Allison .............. Beech Island, SC
- Thomas, Kristen .............. Johnston, SC
- Timmerman, Dylan ............. Graniteville, SC
- Tinkey, Spencer .............. Graniteville, SC
- Walker, Andre ................. North Augusta, SC
- Weeks, Jason .................. Aiken, SC
- Wintrow, Johnathan .......... Ridge Spring, SC

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- Amalean, Anjali ............... Moore, SC
- Atkins, Amelia ................. Roebuck, SC
- Beram, Maheen ................. Greer, SC
- Bergen, Angelica ............. Wellford, SC
- Bolton, Brandon .............. Windsor, SC
- Bostic, Frazier ............... Greenville, SC
- Boyd, Carina .................. Aiken, SC
- Brewe, Alexis ................. Greenville, SC
- Bridwell, Keiko ............... Woodruff, SC
- Bridwell, Zane ............... Woodruff, SC
- Callaham, Jasmine .......... McCormick, SC
- Carter, Devin .................. Augusta, GA
- Carter, Jessica ............... Greenville, SC
- Casasola, Astrid ............... Greenville, SC
- Collins, Elizabeth .......... Woodruff, SC
- Droghini, Matthew .......... Aiken, SC
- Dunn, Jenine ................. Simpsonville, SC
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- Evans, Kendall ............... Jackson, SC
- Evans, Quiasha ............... Fountain Inn, SC
- Fitch, Sydney ................. Campobello, SC
- Franco, Edwin ................. Mauldin, SC
- Gordon, Walter ............... New Ellenton, SC
- Gorny, Todd ................... Spartanburg, SC
- Green, Amanda ............... Fountain Inn, SC
- Green Jr, Corey .............. North Augusta, SC
- Grubb, Tyler .................. Taylors, SC
- Gutierrez, Alondra .......... Greenville, SC
- Hoffmann, Daniel .......... North Augusta, SC
- Hoffmann, Peter .............. North Augusta, SC
- Holmes, Robert ............... Aiken, SC
- Houston, Brandon .......... North Augusta, SC
- Jacinto, Gerard .............. Simpsonville, SC
- Jain, Harshita ............... Simpsonville, SC
- Jenkins, Dylan ............... North Augusta, SC
- Klein, Micah .................. Taylors, SC
- Lanford, Katelyn ............. Inman, SC
- Lawton, Christian .......... Abbeville, SC
- Lewis, Hope .................... North Augusta, SC
- Lin, Samantha ............... Simpsonville, SC
- Lopez, Alejandro .......... Enoree, SC
- Lutier, Corbin ............... North Augusta, SC
- Mackey, Brittany .......... Fountain Inn, SC
- Mills, Tanner ................ Spartanburg, SC
- Morgan, Emily ............... Aiken, SC
- Nanna, Alexis ............... Inman, SC
- Ng, Samantha ................ Taylors, SC
- Overby, Katelyn .......... Greenville, SC
- Patel, Anjali ................. Simpsonville, SC
- Peake, Jeffrey ............... Aiken, SC
- Pierce, Gabrielle .......... Fountain Inn, SC
- Raiford, BaChondria ......... Ridge Spring, SC
- Randolphi Holly ......... Beech Island, SC
- Ratkowski, Jakub .......... Simpsonville, SC
- Reed, Iva-Cierra ........ Aiken, SC
- Reeves, Savannah .......... Greer, SC
- Rhyne, Jessica ............... Inman, SC
- Schriffer, Stewart .......... Roebuck, SC
- Shutters, Sabrina .......... Edgefield, SC
- Smith, Kevon ................ Woodruff, SC
- Smith, Tevonet .......... Aiken, SC
- Spears, Shelby .............. Chesnee, SC
- Stevens, Wileisha .......... McCormick, SC
- Strong, Shannon .......... Aiken, SC
- Thornburg, Shanice ....... Edgefield, SC
- Threadgill, Jacob .......... Pacolet, SC
- Tran, Leon .................... Spartanburg, SC
- Valdes, Laura ............... Aiken, SC
- Vu, Maria .................... Greenville, SC
- Walker, Alyssa ............... Campobello, SC
- Wells, Alayna ............... Moore, SC
- Wilson, Desmonet .......... North Augusta, SC
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| Griffin, Deontavis ...... Norwood, GA |
| Leverett, Marquis ...... Hephzibah, GA |
| Wilburn, Krystle ...... Norwood, GA   |
| Young, Tiana .......... Augusta, GA     |

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| **Valdosta State University** |
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| Dresser, Laura .......... Augusta, GA      |
| Flournoy, Jayla .......... Thomson, GA      |
| Greenway, Joshua ...... Louisville, GA    |
| McNair, Bricton .......... Camak, GA       |
| Patterson, Elboni ...... Grovetown, GA    |
| Williams, Aaliyah ...... Wrens, GA        |

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| Doan, Eric ............... Greenville, SC  |
| How, Charlotte .......... Greer, SC        |

| **Wake Forest University** |
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| Windsor, Abigail ........ Greenville, SC   |

| **Washington and Lee University** |
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| Gaida, Linda .............. Roebuck, SC     |
| Leon, Daniela .......... Boiling Springs, SC |

| **Washington University** |
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| **Wesleyan College** |
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| **Western Carolina University** |
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| **Williams College** |
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| **Winthrop University** |
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| Eaves, John ............. Aiken, SC        |
| Flores, Familynn .......... Aiken, SC       |
| Martin, Britanny .......... Aiken, SC       |
| McCall, Sydney .......... North Augusta, SC |
| McCravy, Natalie .......... Greenville, SC |
| McDuffie, Sekinah .......... Williston, SC  |
| Orozco, Jovanna .......... Windsor, SC       |
| Padgett, Robert .......... Aiken, SC        |
| Pugh, Holly .............. Spartanburg, SC  |
| Savath, Savanny .......... Duncan, SC        |
| Skinner, Anna .......... Inman, SC          |
| Smith, Feenix .......... Inman, SC          |
| Snell, Ashley .......... Greenville, SC     |
| Yatiyawela, Nimeshika .... Duncan, SC      |

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mericans are pack rats. Nowhere on earth do people save more stuff than Americans. We have closets full, totes full, garages and storage units full of stuff. And not just 3D stuff. No, we love tiny little stuff, too. We save clippings of newspaper articles, recipes, photos, and countless other ephemera in boxes, drawers, and in books — scrapbooks. In 2008, Jessica Helfand, a graphic designer and scrapbook collector, authored a book tracing the very American story of scrapbooking, appropriately entitled Scrapbooks: An American History. The mania appears to have begun about 1825 when a newspaper serial appeared called “The Scrapbook,” which explained how to collect and save clippings.
A telegram from Georgia Brown’s scrapbook, 1934

Clippings and a Confederate five dollar bill saved by Julia Watson

Clippings from Georgia Brown’s scrapbook

Georgia Lee’s scrapbook

Unique scrapbook created from a Tom Watson Magazine

Western Union
Famous people have scrapbooked. Mark Twain patented the first self-pasting scrapbook in 1872 when he, a lifelong scrapbooker, grew weary of the cat getting into the paste or the glue going rock hard. So, he created pages with glue strips that could be moistened for easy placement of clippings, broadsides, and photographs. Woody Guthrie scrapbooked while on the road singing about the Dust Bowl. Jacqueline Kennedy scrapbooked while in the White House, including fabric swatches and petals from floral arrangements tucked between the pages.

The scrapbook, according to Ellen Garvey, author of Writing with Scissors: American Scrapbooks from the Civil War to the Harlem Renaissance, is considered to be a democratic archive in that everyone could assemble a scrapbook. By compiling these seemingly random bits of ephemera, creators were assembling their own historic narrative. Historians are able to, in effect, look over the shoulders of everyone from former slaves to first ladies to see what this person or that person found worthwhile to preserve.

Hickory Hill has several scrapbooks in its collection. Many years ago Mr. Garrett Combs, a McDuffie County native, came into my office with a large bag. In it was an equally large scrapbook. He said that he had found it some years before sitting on a pile of rubbish destined for the county landfill. He was a history lover and thought the scrapbook might be important. It turned out that the scrapbook had been compiled by Thomas Watson’s younger sister, Julia. Among the clippings she saved were articles about her famous brother and a Confederate five dollar bill. We were thrilled to have it come back to the family.

Both of Tom Watson’s granddaughters, Georgia Lee and Georgia Watson, were avid scrapbookers. We have a unique one created by Georgia Lee from a Tom Watson Magazine! One of the poignant scrapbooks is also from Georgia Lee, though she was Georgia Brown by then. It was created toward the end of her life and includes a Western Union telegram from her young child, Tom (Tommie) Brown.

Scrapbooks can be a fun way to preserve family memories. There are a few tips that can ensure your scrapbook will pass the test of time.

- Never paste in the only copy of an old family photograph; use a high-quality copy. Even the most archival glue can bleed through and damage that precious memory.

- When including photos, ensure they are printed on the best quality photo paper available to reduce discoloration and fading.

- Oh, those pesky newspaper clippings. Never use original newspaper in your scrapbook. Newsprint is highly acidic and will yellow and decompose quickly; it is also guaranteed to discolor everything it touches. Copy those articles onto acid-free paper.

- Avoid at all costs using Elmer’s and similar acidic glues on your memories. They will yellow and become brittle over time, damaging those paste-able items. Invest in acid-neutral PVA glue.

- And, finally, store your scrapbook away from direct light. Light causes yellowing, fading, and embrittlement; the damage is not reversible.

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To a middle-school student, second grade is ancient history, half a lifetime ago. But St. Joseph’s seventh and eighth graders in Athens, Georgia, recently got the chance to not only revisit their own early school years, but to travel a little further back in time—to the mid-nineteenth century.

The project was an archeological dig in the school yard of the old St. Joseph’s Catholic School, vacant since 2012. In some ways, the school grounds seem frozen in time by the things left behind—mosaic art, a cemetery for class hamsters, and bricks painted with children’s names lining paths overgrown with jimson weed. In addition to gathering the artifacts of their own elementary-school years to take to their new school, the students were assisting an exploration of a more distant past, a time when the site was home to an antebellum mansion that stood on more than twenty acres along Prince Avenue.

In May of 1873 at age 51, Marion McHenry Lumpkin Cobb sold the large Greek revival house where she had lived since 1844 when her parents gave it to her as a wedding present upon her marriage to Thomas R. R. Cobb. In this house, she bore six children, buried three, and sent her husband off to a war from which he would never return.

She also sold a corner parcel with a small structure on it to the Diocese of Savannah for establishment of Athens’ first Catholic Church, St. Joseph’s. Over the years as the church grew, the house changed hands many times, used as a fraternity house, a dentist’s office, a boarding house, and, from 1909 to 1915, the private residence of the Dobbs family, whose name can still be seen inscribed in the sidewalk on Prince Avenue.

In 1962, ninety years after the church founders purchased land from Marion, the church bought her house for use as a rectory. By 1984, the need for a new school building and the prohibitive cost of the
Prehistoric atlatl (pear thrower).

Bare bottom of a broken china doll.
upkeep prompted the church to offer the house for free to anyone who could move it. After local efforts foundered, Stone Mountain Memorial Association stepped in and transported the house to become part of its commemorative tourist attraction. However, once the house was reassembled at Stone Mountain, the Association was unable to muster the funds to restore it and it sat, surrounded by a chain link fence with tarps on the roof, for nineteen years.

In 2004, the Watson-Brown Foundation rescued the house, returning it to Athens, 200 yards from its original site, and meticulously restoring it to its 1860 appearance. It opened in 2007 as the T.R.R. Cobb House Museum, offering a variety of free educational programs to local schools.

In 2012, St. Joseph's vacated the 1984 school building and put the old Cobb land on the market. With the property influx and unoccupied, the museum educational staff saw an exciting opportunity. The dig was a partnership between the T.R.R. Cobb House Museum and St. Joseph's school, lead by the local firm Southeastern Archeological Services (SAS). As the museum began working with local historian Gary Doster to compile a year-by-year history of the house and its inhabitants, the archeologists determined the exact location of the house and the likeliest areas to dig. St. Joseph's middle school teachers reviewed the scientific method and prepared their students for a unique opportunity to apply it in a historical context.

SAS warned the staff and students that, as with any dig, the effort might yield little more than pieces of broken bricks and glass. The 1985 removal of the house, the grading of the site, and the construction of the school might have eradicated most traces of the past. Still, it seemed a project worth doing. Very little archaeological work has been done in Athens and even excavations at historic house sites in the state of Georgia have been exceedingly rare. In the case of the T.R.R. Cobb House, there was ample known history of the house to provide context for any finds. There were also some questions about the original structure that a site exploration might answer. At the very least, the operation would be fun and educational, and students would have the chance to participate in a real dig, lead by a team of scientists with more than 300 years combined experience in excavations all over the world.

After some exploratory shovel tests around the property, the SAS team hit the jackpot, locating an underground root cellar, projected to be 18 feet by 18 feet with the floor 5 feet below the surface. Even more exciting was the discovery, a few days later, of an old well shaft about 13 feet in diameter. Once these two features began to emerge, almost every shovelful yielded something of interest: an intact F.W. Fitch and Co. hair tonic bottle from the 1930s, shards of china with colorful patterns dating from the 1840s to 1915, a prehistoric atlatl (spear-thrower), and a tiny but unmistakable bare bottom of a broken china doll.

The students screened dirt, washed and organized artifacts, and kept field notes. As objects came clean in the plastic tubs of muddy water under the trees, it wasn’t hard to imagine a fraternity boy getting ready for a date, a Cobb table laid for dinner, a hunter carving a precise groove into a piece of soapstone, or a young girl carefully changing the clothes of a treasured doll.

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Walter J. Brown was a journalist and a broadcast pioneer who built and chaired what would become Spartan Communications, Inc., one of the larger privately held TV companies in the country.

Early in his career, Brown had an office in the White House when he served on the staff of Secretary of State James F. Byrnes. Brown’s enduring love for politics was eclipsed only by his respect for Jimmy Byrnes. Inspired in part by Byrnes’s philanthropy—which in 1948 established the James F. Byrnes Foundation—Brown created his own private Foundation in 1970. Named for Thomas E. Watson and J.J. Brown, the men to whom Brown attributed his success, the Watson-Brown Foundation today continues to ensure that hundreds of deserving students are provided the opportunity to excel at the college of their choice.