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CAMPUS NOTES



Watson-Brown Scholars in Action

GABBY BURTON

JUNIOR, GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

After my second year at Georgia Southern University, I am still incredibly grateful for the Watson-Brown Scholarship! I have continued to be challenged academically and creatively while being surrounded by some of the most uplifting faculty, staff, and fellow students. In the classroom, I earned all A's both semesters, learning not only about the field I want to pursue, but also about others from CORE classes. Regarding extra-curricular activities, I served as vice president and secretary of Theatre South — our student theater organization open to all majors, and as Secretary of Alpha Psi Omega — the National Honors Society for theater students. Fortunately, I had the opportunity to start a work study position as a theater assistant primarily working in our Blackbox Theater's Box Office as well. One of the most notable experiences this year, though, was acting in mainstage shows again. In the fall, I played Keisha in Jackie Sibbles Drury's *Fairview*, and was able to meet the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright herself on our campus shortly after the performance. Then, in the spring, I originated the role of Carrie in the world premiere production of *Carrie Girl*, a riff on Theodore Dreiser's *Sister Carrie*. Both were life changing experiences that taught me a lot about the types of stories I want to tell professionally.



GABBY BURTON

Lastly, whenever possible, I tried my best to represent our theater program at smaller events and conferences, such as the Georgia Theatre Conference as a student representative, or the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival as a host and Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship finalist. I passed the pre-screen for the Southeastern Theatre Conference, earning the opportunity to audition for theater companies for summer employment. Thanks to that, I will be working as a tour actor and director with Missoula Children's Theatre from late May to early August this year. Without Watson-Brown, none of this would be possible, so I sincerely look forward to making the most of the scholarship in my last two years.



KATIE BETH CANNON

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SOPHOMORE, BELMONT UNIVERSITY

My first year at Belmont University was amazing! I found so many different ways to get involved on campus, was able to give back to the Nashville community, and began to form lifelong relationships with the people around me. The community there is incredibly welcoming and kind, and I couldn't imagine myself anywhere else!

One of the first things I got involved with was the on-campus newspaper, The Belmont Vision, where I was made a member of senior staff my second semester! This really allowed me to get involved on campus and meet a

ton of new people. As a journalism major, not only was I able to get invaluable hands-on experience, I was also able to generate quality work that I'm sure will be helpful when looking for internships in the future.

I've also become a member of Bruin Recruiters. These are the tour guides and event coordinators for prospective student events. It's been so great getting to be involved in the decisions of prospective students and watch them fall in love with the same school that I did. The best part is getting to hear when students officially commit and knowing that you'll get to see them on campus in the fall.

I also joined a sorority, Phi Mu, during my second semester. The sisterhood that Phi Mu has opened up to me has been truly fantastic, and I couldn't ask for better women to stand beside me throughout the rest of my college career. Everyone is so encouraging and loving, and it's such a special thing to be a part of that organization. I'm really looking forward to being a bigger part of it in the fall.

This summer, I'll be headed to London for a month as part of a study abroad program. I'm taking a British Media course as part of my journalism degree. We'll be able to tour the BBC and take field trips to Stonehenge and Edinburgh. I've also planned a weekend in Paris with one of the other students on the trip. This is my first time going out of the country, and I'm really excited to learn more about different cultures and places. My first year at Belmont University was filled with such sweet community and intentional encouragement from everyone around me. I can't wait to see what the next three years hold in Nashville!



SLOAN FLORIAN

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SOPHOMORE, WASHINGTON AND LEE UNIVERSITY

Over the last year at Washington and Lee University, I am proud to say that I have successfully launched my first organization, the Chocolate Milk Society. The society meets monthly to taste a different brand of

chocolate milk, ending in a yearly chocolate milk ranking contest to decide which brand of milk students preferred the most during the given school year. The society is open to anyone, inviting all students throughout the most stressful times of the school year to sit back and relax with a cold glass of chocolate milk. We even supply dairy-free options for our dairy-free friends to ensure that everyone can join in. I have also assembled a board of "Cownnoisseurs" to oversee our marketing on social media and the creation of our long-awaited merchandise. During the first few months of meetings, I needed to prove to the school's Executive Committee that my organization had enough members to ask for funding from the treasury. After gaining roughly seventy members over the course of five meetings, I was able to not only gain approval for funding by the Executive Committee, but the Chocolate Milk Society was also officially recognized as an organization by the school. While I do have extensive plans to continue my organization's growth, including future fundraising events, I have become inspired to explore paths of entrepreneurship to continue my goal of bringing people together.



DION GOODWIN JR.

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SENIOR, FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

This year taught me so much. I had highs and lows; I was victorious and defeated, but I learned from all of my experiences. I didn't allow them to be my story, but testimonies. I completed my research and presented at the National Ronald E. McNair TRIO Conference. I am finally in my last year, and I can focus on my next steps in life. Thank you for helping me make it this far. This scholarship has allowed me to be stress-free regarding my education.

JAZYME GREENE

SENIOR, AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

My junior year was full of new opportunities and leadership engagement. As a Legacy New Student Orientation leader this year, I had the honor of welcoming new Scotties onto campus and getting them acclimated to its culture. This led me to apply and become a legacy director my upcoming senior year. The experience allowed me to grow and learn more about my style of leading, and the best impact I can not only make on my community, but on a global level as well. I plan to apply to become a Schmidt Scholar, where I might further expand my student leadership while actively engaging in global learning.

As my confidence in my leadership has grown and continues to grow, I wanted to do more for my campus community, which led me to run and be nominated for Class of 2024 at-large senator. I am extremely excited to take-on this role and serve as a dependable advocate for my class the remainder of our time together.

Early in the year, I was inducted into Nu Rho Psi as an executive board member and (outside of ASC) the online chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success. I am completely honored to be amongst members of such prestigious academic and leadership groups. These accomplishments further validated my efforts toward creating a greater campus community throughout my time at ASC.

I also stepped out of my comfort zone this year. As the ASC neuroscience and philosophy departments merged, I had the opportunity to take on philosophy as a minor this upcoming year. Although completely outside of my straightforward plans I had set since my first year, I was intrigued by the course descriptions and decided I would take on the philosophy minor. I surprised myself with my quick decision to structure my senior year of college around fulfilling a minor requirement, but am also proud of myself for acknowledging my capabilities.

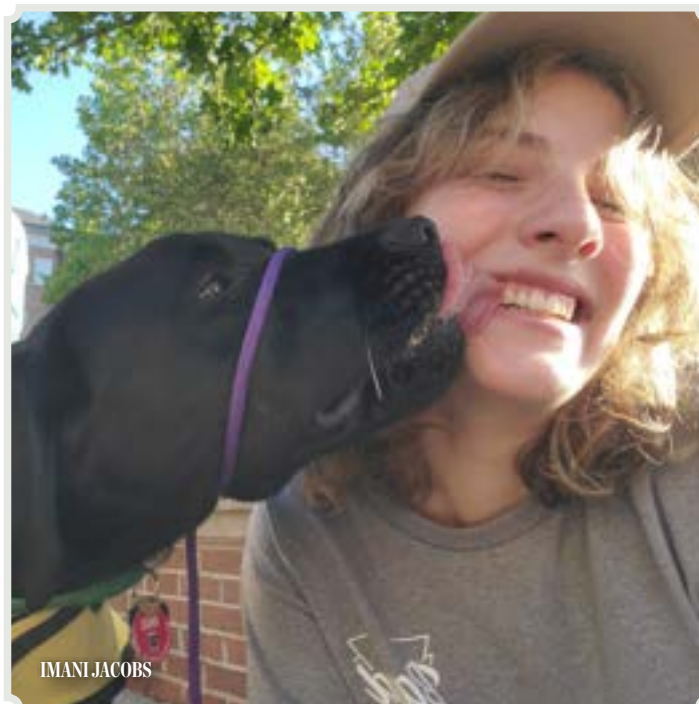


This summer, I will be taking on research through ASC's STEM Scholars Program at Morehouse School of Medicine in collaboration with Dr. Wang to study traumatic brain injuries. This experience perfectly aligns with the type of work I wish to do in my future career as a neurologist and I am ecstatic to begin this June!

IMANI JACOBS

SOPHOMORE, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

I had a fantastic first year at UGA! It was a bit of an adjustment (classes were more difficult than I expected them to be), but I think I'm making progress with my studying abilities. My year just kept getting better through my second semester because I was starting to get into more classes related to my major (which helped motivate me quite a bit), and I was able to make a lot of new friends who made my life better in so many ways.



The best decision I made, though, was joining the Guide Dog Foundation. I learned to raise and train service dogs to be prepared for their official training in New York where they learn more specific skills to guide the blind. I have spent a lot of time at meetings and watching other people's dogs when they have labs or exams, but I will be getting my own puppy to train this upcoming fall! While it's the only organization I have been involved in, it has helped me to come out of my shell a bit. I have loved spending so much time with different dogs and learning about their different little quirks and personalities. It takes a lot of work and dedication, but it is so worth it.

KATIE KIRK

JUNIOR, WOFFORD COLLEGE

The 2022-2023 school year at Wofford College was an eventful one for me. I continued working for my school paper, The Old Gold and Black. I also had the opportunity to meet Craig Melvin, a broadcast journalist of The Today Show — who is an alumnus of Wofford — and ask him questions about his life as a reporter. In the fall semester, I was able to ask a question of former Vice President of the United States Mike Pence, who visited my college to participate in a lecture series we were having. In the spring semester, I was named managing editor for the school paper for next school year. I am looking forward to exploring these connections and opportunities in the fall semester and beyond.



My senior year, I plan to apply for the Editor-In-Chief position. I am so grateful for the opportunities that Wofford College has provided, and for the generous support of the Watson-Brown Foundation that has made my time at Wofford possible.

WILL MCCLAIN

JUNIOR, STANFORD UNIVERSITY

This past school year has been very rewarding and defining for any future careers and interests in my life. Since I am in the heart of Silicon Valley — the technology hub of the world — I have found a path that allows me to be an engineer, personal finance leader, and entrepreneur at the same time. So, I have directed a lot of my attention toward a few startups I am working on with friends and by myself. The journey has been rewarding, regardless of success or failure. Also, I have picked up a new skill: officiating sports. I started in the fall quarter of this school year as a referee for flag football for



Stanford's Intramural League. Our sports changed as the school year progressed, which meant I had to officiate sports that I was not familiar with, like soccer. However, while growing my discretionary income, I learned different life lessons just from a regular campus job that many students may overlook, and recognized the verbal abuse certain officials have to endure. For example: when you're officiating a basketball game, you have 1 or 2 other partners who are watching their specific zones on the court. The best officiated games happen when each referee respects and trusts the other officials to make the right call according to the pace of the game, while supporting the other officials' calls, as well.

In my academic life, I have arrived at the place where I finally understand what college is meant to be for ME. I no longer have aspirations to go to law school (maybe business school later); but now that I am no longer concerned with ensuring that my GPA is the highest, I can take challenging courses that I know I wouldn't have taken otherwise while picking up skills that I never had before: all while not burning out from too much studying and stressing through exams. Thank you all so much for your overall support! I am continuously grateful to be a Watson-Brown Scholar and recipient.



MIKE MCGRADY

SENIOR, LYNN UNIVERSITY

My junior year at Lynn University flew by! I joined the hospitality club and went on dozens of property tours around South Florida at places like The Four Seasons, Boca West Country Club, Waterstone Resort and Marina, and many others. I continued my position as a resident assistant in one of Lynn's on-campus dorms. This experience has taught me much and, most importantly, how to build a community. I had 42 residents in my hall for whom I was responsible. Over the year, I learned so much about every one of them and formed personal relationships that I will continue to keep during my last year at school. One of the best parts of this school year has been my acceptance into the Boca West Country Club Hospitality Management internship program. I learned of my acceptance in February and completed my first day at the end of May. I am overjoyed for the summer since I will absorb so much life and work experience. This year has given me invaluable tools that I will use for the rest of my life.



FIGURE 1
FIORELLA OROZCO

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JUNIOR, DUKE UNIVERSITY

Studying abroad has always been a dream of mine: a chance to explore new horizons, immerse myself in different cultures, and expand my worldview. Thanks to the generous support of the esteemed Watson-Brown Foundation, I had the incredible opportunity to turn that dream into a reality by spending a summer in Spain. Madrid, with its rich history, vibrant atmosphere, and cultural treasures, promised an unforgettable adventure of personal growth and academic enrichment.

Throughout my study abroad experience in Madrid, I had the remarkable opportunity to delve into interdisciplinary learning: an experience that significantly shaped my academic journey. The fusion of diverse disciplines not only broadened my understanding of global perspectives, but also ignited a passion for exploring the interconnectedness of various fields of study. Within the classrooms of Madrid, I found myself surrounded by a melting pot of students, each with their own unique backgrounds and academic interests. Engaging in collaborative group projects and thought-provoking discussions with these students offered me a unique way to learn from their experiences and viewpoints. While my primary focus was on Global Health and Biology, the courses I took in Madrid allowed me to explore new areas of study and connect them to my major. Immersing myself in Spanish history revealed the shared historical roots that shaped Spain and Latin America, deepening my understanding of the social determinants of health and the challenges faced by diverse populations. Exploring Spanish art and literature uncovered the cultural threads influencing health behaviors, fostering insights into societal influences on health beliefs, practices, and access to care. This interdisciplinary approach provided a nuanced perspective on the multifaceted factors affecting health outcomes.

My study abroad experience extended far beyond the academic realm. I eagerly embraced the opportunity to fully immerse myself in Spanish culture. The vibrant streets of Madrid became my classroom as I navigated the city, soaking in the sights, sounds, and flavors. From

sampling traditional Spanish cuisine to witnessing the mesmerizing flamenco performances, I was captivated by the rich cultural tapestry that enveloped me. Engaging with the local community through language exchanges and cultural festivals allowed me to forge connections, broaden my worldview, and develop a deep appreciation for the warmth and hospitality of the Spanish people.

Empowered by my newfound knowledge and enriched cultural experiences, I am driven to advocate for equitable health outcomes in Latinx communities. Drawing upon the interdisciplinary approaches I encountered during my study abroad journey, I aim to address the multifaceted realities faced by diverse populations. Armed with a commitment to social justice and a determination to make a positive impact, I am eager to utilize my education and privilege to make a meaningful change — both within my own community and on a global scale.



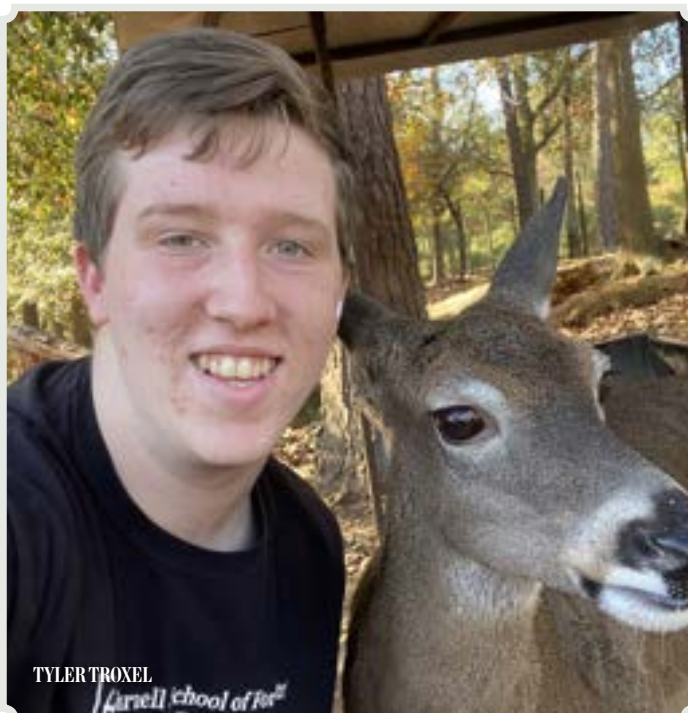
EVAN SOK

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SENIOR, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

I am currently studying abroad in Japan for the summer. I decided to apply for a summer study abroad program to obtain more credits to fulfill my Japanese minor. However, this also gave me the opportunity to grow as a person and adult since I had to be responsible and not reliant on others to take care of me. My experience as of now has been full of fun memories that I'll never forget, as well as growth in my language skills. I was a person that never took a lot of pictures or videos because I personally saw no use of it. Ever since I had to take pictures for a project in the class, I have been very adamant about taking pictures every day. Freezing time and being able to remember the experience through photos and videos became something I was fond of, and I honestly wish I had taken pictures more throughout my lifetime. I realize now that I want to capture more experiences in my life and forge everlasting images so I'll never forget them.





TYLER TROXEL

SENIOR, UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

This was a very fun year in college for me! I accomplished many things, including volunteering at my school's White-tailed Deer Research Facility, finding new passions in fish and wildlife, and making a lot of new friends. I feel like I have truly found my place in both my school and career field. Additionally, I was chosen for an internship in Southern Illinois working with many species of wildlife including Bobwhite Quail, grassland birds, snakes, and small mammals. I also was elected as the vice president of my favorite UGA club, The Wildlife Society. Overall, it's been a very fun-filled semester where I have learned lots and enjoyed every moment of it!

COCO ZHENG

SOPHOMORE, EMORY UNIVERSITY

As a first-generation college student, I came into Emory without any high expectations because, quite frankly, I had no idea what to expect. However, I walked away after my first year wishing it didn't end so fast. I experienced my first near-failing grade; but from this lesson, I came out studying harder and growing more confident in my new studying methods and thus the course content.

I found out the hard way that college is, in fact, so different from high school; but I love this new, challenging, and rewarding kind of different. At first, the thought of office hours and getting to know my professors was daunting, but I walked away from this year with some valuable conversations and a mentor I hope to continue looking up to. This year, I also signed up for many clubs. My first interview was a success, and I got accepted into the club that I now call family. I have gotten to know so many amazing people through this organization where we create a safe space to discuss our identity and celebrate our similarities and differences. They have prepared me for tough conversations in the future, as well as ensuring I know how to handle myself in professional settings. On the other hand, while I have experienced so much joy through this, I also learned a lot about rejections this year. For many of the other clubs I applied to, interview

after interview, the answer was "we regret to inform you..."



In the moment, I was overwhelmed with emotions and confusion, but now looking back at each one, I was able to treat them as learning experiences about how to improve with each one. Thus, now going into the 2023-24 academic year, I will be on the Executive Board for one of my clubs and am more confident in my abilities to apply for other positions this upcoming fall! In all however, I would have to give much credit for my amazing first year to the friends I have made. Without their company everyday — even just to sit at the same table to do work silently for hours — everything would have been much harder to do alone. Their company, support, and happiness made me look forward to every day. I love the beautiful school I attend, the supportive students and staff, and the amazing education I have been blessed to come across. From the bottom of my heart, I want to say thank you to the Watson-Brown Foundation for supporting me through this new beginning and making it all possible for me to enjoy a world-class education at Emory University

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Chavis, Chandler.....Bamberg, SC
 Frazier, Brendon.....Ridge Spring, SC
 Smith, Bailey.....Spartanburg, SC
 Sparks, Steven.....Inman, SC
 Wells, Alanna.....Aiken, SC
 Willis, Bailie.....Johnston, SC

College of Charleston

Barnhart, Sam.....Greenville, SC
 Biddle, Chloe.....Aiken, SC
 Elvira, Claudia.....North Augusta, SC
 Escalante, Hannah.....Aiken, SC
 Fyfe, Alexandra.....Inman, SC
 Gonzalez Diaz, Keisha.....Aiken, SC
 Helfgott, William.....North Augusta, SC
 Horton, Hayden.....Barnwell, SC
 Jimenez, Ryochi.....Inman, SC
 Jolley, Emily.....Campobello, SC
 Leventis, Marley.....Greenville, SC
 Lominac, Savannah.....Greer, SC
 Medina, Jay.....Greer, SC
 Meyers, Kayla.....Campobello, SC
 Ocampo, Alex.....Simpsonville, SC
 Rosales, Marlen.....Warrenville, SC
 Sanders, DaJanae.....North Augusta, SC
 Sarlo, Nikolai.....Greer, SC
 Smith, Savannah.....Cowpens, SC
 Szcinski, Abbi.....Simpsonville, SC
 Williams, Jonta'.....Boiling Springs, SC
 Willis, Laney.....Johnston, SC

Columbia College

Rose, Sanai.....Roebuck, SC

Columbia International University

Dorsey, Josh.....Augusta, GA
 Pereira, Amy.....Simpsonville, SC

Columbus State University

Jacobs, Nadia.....Augusta, GA
 Martin, Rakaiya.....Martinez, GA

Converse University

Aveiro, Makayla.....Woodruff, SC
 Bahia, Gurjot.....Boiling Springs, SC
 Camargo, Nathaly.....Greer, SC
 Davis, Alivia.....Landrum, SC
 Ferretiz, Larissa.....Spartanburg, SC
 Garboua, Tota.....Simpsonville, SC
 Garcia, John.....Spartanburg, SC
 Godfrey, Sierra.....Spartanburg, SC
 Gonzalez Taborda, Maria.....Spartanburg, SC
 Gonzalez-Mendoza, Clair.....Greenville, SC
 Henderson, Ryleigh.....Spartanburg, SC
 Patterson, Anna.....Spartanburg, SC
 Walley, Kerrigan.....Simpsonville, SC
 Woodfin, Xander.....Spartanburg, SC

Covenant College

Daniel, Eli.....Augusta, GA
 Daniel, Hannah.....Augusta, GA

Davidson College

Nance Jr., Delario.....Roebuck, SC
 Womick, Leah.....Boiling Springs, SC

Duke University

Bao, Emma.....Simpsonville, SC
 Fu, Kevin.....Simpsonville, SC
 Gentry, Charla.....Wellford, SC
 Moore, Adolya.....Moore, SC
 Orozco, Fiorella.....Simpsonville, SC
 Price, Jacob.....Spartanburg, SC
 Qu, James.....Greer, SC
 Srijay, Divya.....Moore, SC
 Worthy, Jerry.....Grovetown, GA
 Zheng, Lily.....Woodruff, SC

East Georgia State College

Jones, Brantley.....Waynesboro, GA
 Moore, Sam.....Wadley, GA

Elizabeth City State University

O'Connor, Peter.....Aiken, SC

Elon University

Beggs, Jenny.....Lincolnton, GA

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Hughes, Macey.....North Augusta, SC

Emmanuel College GA

Perkins, Nathan.....Washington, GA

Emory University

Black, Kennedie.....Sylvania, GA
 Chang, Angela.....Evans, GA
 Jiang, Winni.....Duncan, SC
 Sheridan, Kian.....Augusta, GA
 Taylor, Lily.....Simpsonville, SC
 Zheng, Coco.....Woodruff, SC

Ersuline College

Ashe, Tim.....Due West, SC
 Bush-Jackson, William.....Trenton, SC
 Dill, Hunter.....Travelers Rest, SC
 Robertson, Jerry.....Greenville, SC
 Webster, Stephen.....Graniteville, SC

Eugene Lang College The New School

Moore, Becca.....Aiken, SC

Fashion Institute of Technology

Stowe, Ashley.....Simpsonville, SC

Fisk University

Clement, Shaniya.....Greenville, SC

Florida State University

Poorvin, Brayden.....North Augusta, SC

Fort Valley State University

Goodwin Jr., Dion.....Hephzibah, GA

Franklin Olin College of Engineering

Robertson, Madeline.....Greenville, SC

Franklin Pierce University

Abdelnur, Norah.....Evans, GA

Furman University

Anders, Alexa.....Taylors, SC
 Brown, Hayes.....Taylors, SC
 Brown, Louisa.....Taylors, SC
 Hill-Mims, Jaeyden.....Greenville, SC
 Hudson, Lane.....Greenville, SC
 Irby, D.J.....Greenville, SC
 Johnson, Xavier.....Greer, SC
 Luines, Jonathan.....Spartanburg, SC

McMullen, Kaia.....Graniteville, SC
 Miller, Stephanie.....Spartanburg, SC
 Patterson, Jack.....Simpsonville, SC
 Richardson, Ruthie.....Fountain Inn, SC
 Sleiman, Mathieu.....Taylors, SC
 Smith, Jari.....Trenton, SC
 Sorial, Botamina.....Simpsonville, SC
 Wardle, Aspen.....Greer, SC
 Wardle, Autumn.....Greer, SC
 White, Lucas.....Greenville, SC
 Woodfin, Josh.....Spartanburg, SC

Gardner-Webb University

Reyes, Daphney.....Greenville, SC

George Washington University

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Georgia College & State University

Brooks, Jaylon.....Augusta, GA
 Brooks, Phoebe.....Thomson, GA
 Cadle, Melody.....Martinez, GA
 Climons, Nariah.....Washington, GA
 Davis, Savannah.....Wrens, GA
 Denard, Emily.....Washington, GA
 Dzin, Tara.....Evans, GA
 Eberly, Christine.....Waynesboro, GA
 Hornsby, Lillian.....Augusta, GA
 Howle, Jack.....Thomson, GA
 Johnson, Alison.....Stapleton, GA
 Ledford, Isabella.....Thomson, GA
 Luther, Danielle.....Thomson, GA
 Mobley, LaBranda.....Thomson, GA
 Reid, Taliyah.....Tignall, GA
 Senter, Lillie.....Augusta, GA
 Teigen, Madeline.....Grovetown, GA
 Wheeler, Queen.....Augusta, GA
 Williams, Emma.....Bowman, GA
 Wills, Gracie.....Augusta, GA
 Wright, Emily.....Evans, GA

Georgia Institute of Technology

Bailie, Donald.....Evans, GA
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 Boebel, Spencer.....Taylors, SC
 Burkhardt, Zack.....Evans, GA
 Byrne, Matt.....Augusta, GA
 Chen, Brian.....Lincolnton, GA
 Chiang, Honor.....Hartwell, GA
 Derry, Sam.....Thomson, GA
 Fu, Berlian.....Millen, GA
 Fu, Brandon.....Millen, GA
 Garcia, Sophia.....Augusta, GA
 Graham, Kylee.....Grovetown, GA
 Hansen, J.C.....Evans, GA
 Holt, Jacob.....Stapleton, GA
 Kim, Lynna.....Grovetown, GA
 Lee, Elizabeth.....Augusta, GA
 LeRoy, Charlotte.....Evans, GA

Lim, Jaden.....Grovetown, GA
 Mack II, Christopher.....Augusta, GA
 Mayernik, Drew.....Simpsonville, SC
 Mazurek, Kimberly.....Martinez, GA
 Mullikin, Avalyn.....Evans, GA
 Nguyen-Tu, Ethan.....Augusta, GA
 Parker, Will.....Evans, GA
 Pi, Michelle.....Evans, GA
 Roseman, Sydney.....Appling, GA
 She, Matthew.....Martinez, GA
 Smith, Malik.....Hephzibah, GA
 Troy, Nyomi.....Hephzibah, GA
 Turner, Jonathan.....Hephzibah, GA
 Umapathy, Aditi.....Martinez, GA
 Vaughn, Keenan.....Augusta, GA
 Villagorda, Phillip.....Washington, GA
 Wang, Kevin.....Augusta, GA
 Wilds, Sloan.....Augusta, GA
 Wright, Kevin.....Hephzibah, GA
 Wright, Matthew.....Evans, GA
 Xu, Jason.....Evans, GA
 Zwiernikowski, Joseph.....Inman, SC

Georgia Military College

Aamir, Romi.....Washington, GA
 Hill, Gracie.....Evans, GA
 Kelly, Emma.....Louisville, GA

Georgia Southern University

Baldowski, Arilyn.....Hephzibah, GA
 Browne, Donnell.....Hephzibah, GA
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 Clegg, Aaron.....Lincolnton, GA
 Collins, Veronica.....Warrenton, GA
 Davis, Laura.....Bartow, GA
 Doss, Mason.....Martinez, GA
 Dudley III, Trilan.....Millen, GA
 Dunn, Mahogani.....Hephzibah, GA
 Eberly, Kendall.....Waynesboro, GA
 Eligio, Emily.....Washington, GA
 Evans, Tamyia.....Crawfordville, GA
 Fletcher, Jackson.....Louisville, GA
 Garrison, Madison.....Augusta, GA
 Gay, Delaney.....Grovetown, GA
 Germann, Becca.....Augusta, GA
 Head, Keria.....Augusta, GA
 Hill, Amir.....Warrenton, GA
 Hill, Zh'Miya.....Warrenton, GA
 Hoobler, Kendall.....Martinez, GA
 Kelley, Elisa.....Grovetown, GA
 Ki, Ella.....Martinez, GA
 Krome, Ryker.....Thomson, GA
 Miller, Brian.....Martinez, GA
 Parris, Aiden.....Augusta, GA
 Perez Matos, Lia.....Waynesboro, GA
 Reese, Taylor.....Millen, GA
 Sheely, Jaquela.....Louisville, GA
 Thomas Jr., Jerry.....Wadley, GA
 Tuell, Tyler.....Midville, GA
 Visintainer, Matthew.....Augusta, GA
 Wallace, Avery.....Millen, GA
 Waters, Eason.....Millen, GA

Williams, Jasmine.....Augusta, GA
 Williams, Summer.....Wadley, GA
 Williams, Tasja.....Wadley, GA
 Wilson, Will.....Augusta, GA

Georgia Southwestern State University

Musgrove, Destiny.....Hephzibah, GA

Georgia State University

Ellington, Cloe.....Hephzibah, GA
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 Jenkins, Ari.....Hephzibah, GA
 Johnson, Brian.....Augusta, GA
 Kane, Sira.....Grovetown, GA
 Lee, Gabby.....Thomson, GA
 Myles-Noel, Asha.....Augusta, GA
 Phillips, Timothy.....Hephzibah, GA
 Ragin, Thorne.....Grovetown, GA
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Greenville Technical College

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 Brownlow, Russell.....Mauldin, SC

Hampton University

Batson, Ava.....Spartanburg, SC

Hanover College

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Harvard College

Huang, Jacky.....Simpsonville, SC
 Zaragoza, Stephanie.....Warrenville, SC

Hendrix College

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Johns Hopkins University

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Kennesaw State University

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 Alligood, Caitlyn.....Avera, GA
 Andrews, Jady.....Hephzibah, GA
 Beamon, Ebony.....Hephzibah, GA
 Beniefeld, Koerra.....Waynesboro, GA
 Brown, Jazell.....Augusta, GA
 Cartledge, Shiekim.....Augusta, GA
 Cullen, Serendipity.....Grovetown, GA
 Davis, Austin.....Warrenton, GA
 Davis, Christian.....Augusta, GA
 Davis, Kahlil.....Augusta, GA
 Davis, Kirsten.....Hephzibah, GA
 Edwards, Omarion.....Augusta, GA
 Gaines, Cassidy.....Hartwell, GA

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 Hatcher, Kayja Warrenton, GA
 Mack, Corey Augusta, GA
 McCullen, Melia Martinez, GA
 Meadows, Justin Martinez, GA
 Mills, Stephen Augusta, GA
 Pangilinan, Stephen Martinez, GA
 Shears, Quann Augusta, GA
 Terrell, Steffon Blythe, GA
 Tran, Taylor Evans, GA
 Wright, Aniya Hephzibah, GA

Lander University

Bagwell, Bethany Pelzer, SC
 Ballengee, Heather Woodruff, SC
 Burnside, Kenaja Greenville, SC
 Carpenter, Sheridan Ridge Spring, SC
 Dawson, Sydney Abbeville, SC
 Frayseth, Gretchen Mauldin, SC
 Gaskill, Jackie Aiken, SC
 Gregory, Brett Spartanburg, SC
 Hill, Katherine Abbeville, SC
 Irvin, Sontee Abbeville, SC
 Johnson, Ty'Brea Abbeville, SC
 Ladd, Abi Fountain Inn, SC
 Lanier, Carter Beech Island, SC
 Lindler, Quade Calhoun Falls, SC
 Nunn, Hannah Piedmont, SC
 Parnell, Josie Calhoun Falls, SC
 Poole, Walter Warrenton, SC
 Rearden, Mallory Trenton, SC
 Ridgill, Keanu Greer, SC
 Williams, Allison Harlem, GA
 Williams, Savannah Chesnee, SC
 Wood, Payton Aiken, SC

Liberty University

Griner, Abigail Augusta, GA
 Ventrello, Julianna Abbeville, SC

Limestone College

Hillstock, Jalen Spartanburg, SC
 Rochester, Tori Boiling Springs, SC
 Rogerson, Sebastian Aiken, SC

Lynn University

McGrady, Mike Greenville, SC

Mars Hill University

Sermersheim, Lauren ... Travelers Rest, SC

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Medical University of South Carolina

Crawford, Cameron McCormick, SC
 Howard, Matthew Abbeville, SC

Mercer University

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 Bryant, Kiera Augusta, GA
 Foreman, Eric Evans, GA
 Guilbeau, Sophia Grovetown, GA
 Ledford, Julianna Thomson, GA
 Pangilinan, Ervin Augusta, GA
 Thuan, Emily Augusta, GA
 Wells, Sydney Louisville, GA

Middle Georgia State College

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Mississippi State University

Bryant, Andrew Evans, GA

Morehouse College

Ivey, Cam Thomson, GA

Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Almodovar, Abby Augusta, GA

Muhlenberg College

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 Curtis, Keona Grovetown, GA
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 Dorsey, Jordyn Augusta, GA
 Ferguson, Korbin Simpsonville, SC
 Moore, Mattie Spartanburg, SC
 Owens, Ziyen Allendale, SC
 Petersen, Madison Greer, SC
 Ryans, Mercedes Augusta, GA
 Walker, Jada Aiken, SC

North Carolina Central University

Reeder, Shikea Greenville, SC
 Smith, Kiara Abbeville, SC

North Carolina State University Raleigh

Kendrick, Jack Spartanburg, SC
 Poinsette, Elizabeth Simpsonville, SC

North Greenville University

Bales, Reagan Greenville, SC
 Ragan, Eric Spartanburg, SC
 Roy, Logan Greer, SC
 Sullivan, Rheanne Aiken, SC

Northeastern University

Jiang, Mandy Duncan, SC

Oglethorpe University

Lester, Jamie Warrenton, GA
 Maze, Kayla Maze Grovetown, GA
 Vincelette, Tristyn Spartanburg, SC

Oregon State University

Gosney, Caitlyn Augusta, GA

Oxford College of Emory University

DeLecuona, Russell Augusta, GA

Piedmont College

Wilson, AnnaLea Gibson, GA

Post University

Story, Layla Aiken, SC

Presbyterian College

Awadalla, Lydia Greenville, SC
 Berry, Morgan Monetta, SC
 Dansby, Mackenzie Abbeville, SC
 Gargas, Bavly Simpsonville, SC
 Loftis, Sarah Lyman, SC
 Phillips, Hallie Woodruff, SC
 Rollins, Kaylee Greenville, SC
 Slacum, Eric Fountain Inn, SC
 Tompkins, Caitlyn Greenville, SC

Princeton University

Gilman, Vivian Spartanburg, SC
 Godfrey, Tristen Spartanburg, SC
 Tang, Song Ting Augusta, GA

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Gamlin, Logan Evans, GA

Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology

Kurfman, Abigail Greenville, SC

Salem College

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Samford University

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Savannah College of Art and Design

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Garrard, McCamy Washington, GA

Noriega, Naomi Canon, GA

Owens, Davis Inman, SC

Schlickman, Ella Grovetown, GA

Williams, Yasmine Augusta, GA

Savannah State University

Cofer, Kendal Augusta, GA

Curry, Makayla Augusta, GA

Dixon, Janyvia Wrens, GA

Glaze, Ken Augusta, GA

Wilcox, Jayla Tignall, GA

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Martinez, Nicholas Greer, SC

South Carolina State University

Dankwa, Alicia Hephzibah, GA

Southern Wesleyan University

Chappell, Rusty Calhoun Falls, SC

Spartanburg Community College

Horton, Bethany Inman, SC

Spelman College

Lewis, Samiah Spartanburg, SC

Stokes, Makari Augusta, GA

Williams, Vashti Thomson, GA

Stanford University

Li, Charlie Martinez, GA

McClain, Will Augusta, GA

Toccoa Falls College

Gaines, Brooke Elberton, GA

Parnell, Evelyn Thomson, GA

Tri-County Technical College (Clemson Bridge)

Chavis, Chara Campobello, SC

Tessin, Ellie Boiling Springs, SC

Troy State University

Ellis, Emma North Augusta, SC

Truett-McConnell University

Slaton, Haileigh Tignall, GA

Tuskegee University

Doss, Emery Grovetown, GA

Lee, Megan Hephzibah, GA

Muhammad, Nadira Gibson, GA

United States Air Force Academy

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University of Alabama

Kesselring, Rylee Graniteville, SC

NeSmith, Lyn Evans, GA

University of Alabama Birmingham

Bodepudi, Sathvik Greer, SC

University of Alabama Huntsville

Padgett, Savannah North Augusta, SC

University of California Los Angeles

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University of California Berkeley

Jordan, Taylor Augusta, GA

University of Denver

Remer, Scarlett Greer, SC

University of Florida

Sanders, Charlotte Greenville, SC

University of Georgia

Aldrich, Lily Greenville, SC

Ball, Ashley Evans, GA

Barrett, Creed Augusta, GA

Batten, Kyra Greenville, SC

Baughn, Jack Martinez, GA

Baylor, Josh Evans, GA

Belk, Trinatee Grovetown, GA

Bennett, Britt Augusta, GA

Bobrow-Goss, Sage Augusta, GA

Bostick, Alexis Wrens, GA

Brown, Nadiah Evans, GA

Buchanan, Jenna Evans, GA

Burroughs, Carla Augusta, GA

Callaway, Grace Thomson, GA

Carroz, Mariangel Martinez, GA

Charintranont, Nat Martinez, GA

Charintranont, Tan Martinez, GA

Chen, Olivia Appling, GA

Clements, Addisyn Harlem, GA

Colunga, Stephanie Washington, GA

Cooper, Carson Bartow, GA

Courage, Tahj Hartwell, GA

Cross, Doris Midville, GA

Crow, Carson Evans, GA

Elgarhi, Hanna Greer, SC

Foster, Rylee Thomson, GA

Franks, Callie Augusta, GA

Freed, Jake Augusta, GA

Freed, Josh Augusta, GA

Furr, Bethany Thomson, GA

Gary, Sarah Thomson, GA

Glaze, Andrew Evans, GA

Goodell, Rachel Augusta, GA

Gore, Sara Louisville, GA

Hampson, Luke Evans, GA

Harrison, Mary Louisville, GA

Heard, Mattie Rayle, GA

Hefner, Anna Kate Washington, GA

Hennessy, Kat Bartow, GA

Hlavaty, Jessica Augusta, GA

Huffman, Alyssa Lincolnton, GA

Hughes, Phoebe Evans, GA

Ivey, Anna Grovetown, GA

Jacobs, Imani Augusta, GA

Jiunnies, Blake North Augusta, SC

Johnson, Ken'Asia Hartwell, GA

Kaur, Hershey Evans, GA

Kelly, Logan Augusta, GA

Kent, Hannah Martinez, GA

Kim, Elizabeth Grovetown, GA

Kiser, Addison Grovetown, GA

Leclerc, Ethan Lincolnton, GA

LeRoy, E.C. Evans, GA

Liu, Jin Evans, GA

Lovekamp, Noah Evans, GA

Lynch, Marissa Washington, GA

MacConney, Micah Evans, GA

Macisak, Cali Evans, GA

Macisak, Riley Evans, GA

Mateyko, Madison Grovetown, GA

McBride, Mia Augusta, GA

McCord, Mary Anne Sylvania, GA

McDonald, Keegan Waynesboro, GA

McJimpsey, Madison Spartanburg, SC

McMahon, Drew Augusta, GA

Newman, Lydia Keysville, GA

Newsome, Rowan Gibson, GA

Newton, Morgan Evans, GA

Nguyen-Tu, Shania Augusta, GA

Norris, Bailey Thomson, GA

Orlet, Ashley..... Martinez, GA
 Patel, Neha..... Thomson, GA
 Pope, Emma..... Evans, GA
 Rager, Bethany..... Appling, GA
 Ray, Savannah..... Augusta, GA
 Rayford, Robyn..... Grovetown, GA
 Reyes, Arieanna..... Grovetown, GA
 Rodgers, Bethany..... Matthews, GA
 Scheyer, Felix..... Augusta, GA
 Simmons, Sara..... Perkins, GA
 Sims, Tyler..... Augusta, GA
 Smith, Kayleigh..... Bowman, GA
 Stallings, Wendell..... Augusta, GA
 Thurmond, Ansley..... Martinez, GA
 Trimble, Lauren..... Evans, GA
 Troxel, Tyler..... Hephzibah, GA
 Turabi, Furwah..... Augusta, GA
 Vaughn, James..... Augusta, GA
 Via, Hunter..... Augusta, GA
 Vick, Saylor..... Augusta, GA
 Waldvogel, Lindsey..... Hartwell, GA
 Wiggins, Avery..... Waynesboro, GA
 Wilkerson, Thomas..... Warrenton, GA
 Williamson, Sam..... Augusta, GA
 Williamson, Tyler..... Lincoln, GA
 Wurst, Emma..... Grovetown, GA
 Yelton, Andrew..... Appling, GA
 Yelton, Maggie..... Appling, GA

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 Latham, Joseph.....Spartanburg, SC

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Aburto, Nathaly..... Washington, GA
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 Dawson, Madison..... Thomson, GA
 Dutton, Gaege..... Elberton, GA
 Foster, A.G..... Thomson, GA
 Freitag, Maggie..... Dahlonge, GA
 Green-Jackson, Zachery..... Millen, GA
 Marxsen, Maggie..... Washington, GA
 Nash, Ruthie..... Washington, GA
 Sherman, Jacy..... Dewy Rose, GA
 Yoshimoto, Heaven..... Evans, GA

University of Oklahoma

Brown, Gabby.....Greer, SC
 Pareizs, Trisha..... Augusta, GA

University of Pennsylvania

Fritz, Dylan.....Greenville, SC

Kong, Sherry.....North Augusta, SC
 Mazingo, Carson.....Greenville, SC
 Yang, Jane.....Simpsonville, SC

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 Anderson, Evan..... Edgefield, SC
 Anderson-Johnson, Gavin.....Clarks Hill, SC
 Beltran, Julissa..... Windsor, SC
 Berry, Simon..... Aiken, SC
 Birt, Vivica.....North Augusta, SC
 Brabham, Truman.....Sycamore, SC
 Brown, Kennedy..... Aiken, SC
 Cerda, Eva..... Warrenville, SC
 Elvira, Daniela.....North Augusta, SC
 Fields, Morgan.....North Augusta, SC
 Gomez Hernandez, Camilo..... Aiken, SC
 Gomez, Fernando..... Warrenville, SC
 Gordon, Sawyer..... Graniteville, SC
 Harmon, Stephen.....North Augusta, SC
 Hawkins, Maddie..... Jackson, SC
 Henderson, Becky..... Barnwell, SC
 Hicks, Paige..... Hephzibah, GA
 Holmes, Elizabeth Ann.....Johnston, SC
 Jones, Isaiah..... Aiken, SC
 Kennedy, Bre..... Aiken, SC
 Kitchings, Jasmine..... Aiken, SC
 Lacera, Zara..... Aiken, SC
 Lawson, Jessica.....North Augusta, SC
 Lewis, Katelyn..... Salley, SC
 Martinez, Andrea..... Aiken, SC
 Moton, Raymond..... Beech Island, SC
 Murphy, Jenna..... Aiken, SC
 Neumar, Lexi..... Aiken, SC
 Proctor, Zeke..... Graniteville, SC
 Shirey, Skylar.....North Augusta, SC
 Slagle, Kyler.....North Augusta, SC
 Sullivan, Danie..... Aiken, SC
 Sypho Atkinson, Alea..... Aiken, SC
 Wagner, Julie.....North Augusta, SC
 Wiggins, Palmer.....North Augusta, SC
 Williams, Darius..... Aiken, SC
 Williamson, Elissa..... Williston, SC
 Wolford, Alahni..... Beech Island, SC
 Young, Courtney..... New Ellenton, SC

University of South Carolina Columbia

Abdelnabi, Sandy.....Greer, SC
 Abunijem, Lana.....Greenville, SC
 Alimohamed, Ibrahim.....Spartanburg, SC
 Ballard, John.....North Augusta, SC
 Bell, Isis..... McCormick, SC
 Blue, Thea..... Greenville, SC
 Bogle, Macaila.....Simpsonville, SC
 Boulet, Emma..... Taylors, SC
 Boyd, Gabriel..... Taylors, SC

Bright, Caley.....Graniteville, SC
 Brodie, Ansley.....North Augusta, SC
 Brown, Austin.....North Augusta, SC
 Brown, Hydeia..... Duncan, SC
 Bush, Tiara.....Johnston, SC
 Carmer, Grant.....Greenville, SC
 Clark, Vance.....Simpsonville, SC
 Coler, Emmie..... Greenville, SC
 Coli, Nina.....Simpsonville, SC
 Collins, Mason..... Aiken, SC
 Cox, Amanda.....Greer, SC
 Crase, Keith.....North Augusta, SC
 Curry, Najae.....Graniteville, SC
 Dantes, Maia.....Spartanburg, SC
 Dev, Guruttam..... Duncan, SC
 Devine, Emma.....Simpsonville, SC
 Dunlap, Sydney..... Greenville, SC
 Dunlap, Tim.....Greer, SC
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 Fambrough, Jeremiah.....Plum Branch, SC
 Gartman, Ava..... Taylors, SC
 Gilles, Anthony..... Evans, GA
 Golyski, Kaitlyn..... Aiken, SC
 Groome, Joseph.....Simpsonville, SC
 Hardin, Rafe..... Ulmer, SC
 Harris, Raine.....Simpsonville, SC
 Hipp, Camryn.....Greer, SC
 Horton, Micah.....Spartanburg, SC
 Howard, Caitlin.....Abbeville, SC
 Hughes, Josh.....North Augusta, SC
 Idrovo, Anthony.....Spartanburg, SC
 Idrovo, Cisne.....Spartanburg, SC
 Jeffers, Anna Lucia.....Boiling Springs, SC
 Johnson, Jahleel.....Graniteville, SC
 Kennedy, Keynan.....McCormick, SC
 Kilgore, Meg..... Aiken, SC
 King, Jaida.....Simpsonville, SC
 Lagroon, Zy..... Calhoun Falls, SC
 Latham, Lacy..... Edgefield, SC
 Le, Ada..... Taylors, SC
 Le, Avona..... Taylors, SC
 Lindler, Noah.....North Augusta, SC
 Lindley, Katie.....Abbeville, SC
 Lloyd, Thomas.....North Augusta, SC
 Madden, Jocelyn.....Boiling Springs, SC
 Marin-Correa, Manuela..... Greenville, SC
 Marshall, Corrine..... Woodruff, SC
 Matson, Annie..... Aiken, SC
 McCluney, Enajah.....Inman, SC
 McFarlin, Jake.....Pelzer, SC
 Merrell, Morgan..... Greenville, SC
 Mesa Coria, Alex.....Spartanburg, SC
 Milz, Madison..... Greenville, SC
 Momani, Hadeel.....Greer, SC
 Morton, Ke'Shunna.....Abbeville, SC
 Moss, Kendal..... Aiken, SC
 Naylor, Peyton.....Spartanburg, SC
 Norvell, Lili..... Greenville, SC
 Parker, Julius..... Greenville, SC
 Patel, Silvi.....Greer, SC
 Pedersen, Emma..... Edgefield, SC
 Perez, Sirena..... Lyman, SC
 Petty, Amanda..... Duncan, SC
 Phan, Anna..... Taylors, SC

Pickren, Natalie Moore, SC
 Polanco, Merelin North Augusta, SC
 Radecki, Elizabeth Simpsonville, SC
 Rahenkamp, Ronnie Aiken, SC
 Railey, Sara Kathryn Greer, SC
 Ramirez, Miranda Greer, SC
 Rangel, Leslie Greenville, SC
 Roberts, Hailey Taylors, SC
 Sampson, Jennifer Salley, SC
 Sanchez, Joa Simpsonville, SC
 Sands, Blake Greenville, SC
 Schulz, Danny Duncan, SC
 Scott, Kayra Spartanburg, SC
 Shah, Heli Simpsonville, SC
 Shealy, Hunter Graniteville, SC
 Silvaggio, Emily Mauldin, SC
 Simpkins, Taylor Aiken, SC
 Smith, Ashley McCormick, SC
 Smoker, Bear North Augusta, SC
 Sprouse, Marissa North Augusta, SC
 Steinbach, Adianna Spartanburg, SC
 Till, Grace Spartanburg, SC
 Tran, Linh Taylors, SC
 Treanor, Brendan Greer, SC
 Vu, Quynh Taylors, SC
 Walker, Ja'Mauris North Augusta, SC
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 Wells, Quincy North Augusta, SC
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XAVIER PRICE



Alumni Spotlight

BY TIARA HODGES

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Full circle. That's how Xavier Price describes the path that's led to his career as a scientist and Grazing/Grasslands Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Production and Conservation in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Since elementary school, Xavier has loved music and science. He wanted to be a botanist since the first grade when he completed his first Black history project on George Washington Carver, the famed agricultural scientist. "I see how much what he did inspired my path, or at least I seemed to have walked the same path without really knowing I was," Xavier said. Through middle school, he discovered a love for reptiles and amphibians, which developed into an eventual love of insects — adding entomology to his fields of study.

It was instilled early on by his parents to get good grades to earn scholarships to pay for college. He was in the International Baccalaureate program in high school for the first two years, and was eventually pulled closer to his music. "Music was my thing. I devoted all of my energy to my musical pursuits," Xavier said. Although Xavier plays several instruments, he played the electric bass for the Academy of Richmond County in Augusta, Ga. as part of the jazz band, hoping this would lead to him making the Florida A&M marching band. He became band captain, which is similar to a drum major. Due to a few extenuating circumstances, Xavier did not

have the opportunity to practice for his audition for Florida A&M University's marching band, and as self described of a perfectionist, decided not to audition. He ultimately enrolled at Fort Valley State University where he received his undergraduate degree in plant science biotechnology.

Xavier was told about the Watson-Brown scholarship from his guidance counselor. It was one of the first funding opportunities he received. "I really appreciate them for being who they are and providing me the opportunity. What that scholarship allowed me to do was to take off the weight of student loans and worrying about what I can afford." Xavier wanted to make the Watson-Brown Foundation proud along with everyone else who supported him, including his family to his church family.

While at FVSU, Xavier received the presidential scholarship, played in the band for a bit, switched his major from soil science to plant science biotechnology with a soil science minor, and graduated magna cum laude in 2012.

After college, he returned to Augusta to figure out his next steps. He had a list of insects that he wanted to study and began researching universities that focused on entomology.

Full circle moment: Xavier did fulfill his dream of attending Florida A&M University, where he received his Master of Science in agricultural sciences and entomology. Xavier's professor from FVSU knew the chair of entomology at FAMU. While Xavier was in Augusta, his former professor called him up to let him know about the FAMU chair's visit, and recommended Xavier make the 3.5-hour drive to Fort Valley to meet, which solidified his decision to attend FAMU.

Once he received his Master's, Xavier worked for a professor as an apiary technician, which is essentially the art of keeping and managing bees. He eventually got connected with the University of Florida, where he became their apiary technician. He also worked with graduate students, focusing on insects and plant health.

Upon reflecting about his future, Xavier wanted to move closer to his extended family in Arkansas, so he pursued opportunities there. Full circle moment: He made a call to the USDA agricultural liaison who worked with FVSU. Xavier asked her about a job he found online that piqued his interest. She mentioned another opportunity with Natural Resources Conservation Service in Arkansas as an agronomist, an expert in soil management and crop production, that would be perfect for him.

During his phone interview, he was actually in the process of reinstalling 10-year-old irrigation in the campus vineyards. Needless to say, he got the job, and has been with the agency for two years. He focuses on grazing animals and pasturelands, including the health of the grass and the animals that feed on it. At the NRCS, their mission is helping people help the land. Recently, he completed a detail for Arkansas' urban small farms agriculture initiative to bring more urban agriculture and small farming to the state — work in which he approached enthusiastically. Wherever Xavier's career takes him, he'll approach it with gusto and pride.

Another full circle moment: Xavier's first love of music remains a strong part of his identity. He now has a dedicated music room where everything is set up and ready to go. For Watson-Brown scholars looking to have their full circle moments, Xavier offers this piece of advice: "Whatever it is you choose: academic, trade school, or even fine arts, give it a try. It could be something you may not have known existed. Leave a legacy and leave the world better than when you came up. Keep an open mind. A lot of things are changing at a rapid pace now."





May Goodrum's Sèvres vase



SURVIVAL OF SÈVRES PORCELAIN



Goodrum House

BY BARBARA HYDE

European-manufactured porcelain was highly sought after at the height of their manufactory in the 18th century, but American collectors of the Gilded Age in the second half of the 19th century brought the craze to the United States. Purchased to decorate their historically inspired homes, entire collections of important French and English pieces were bought and coveted in the US. This practice continued throughout the first half of the 20th century, trickling down to wealthy Americans who desired smaller, but equally beautiful decorative objets d'art for their homes, and May Patterson Goodrum was no exception.

May typically preferred the English manufacturers of Spode, Royal Crown Derby, and Grainger, Lee & Company, but photographs and inventories listed a few Meissen (German) and Sèvres (French) pieces. Perhaps on May's 1926 honeymoon, or her subsequent trip with friends to Europe in 1928, she came across a Sèvres vase. There are no records to indicate where she found the grec et à guirlandes vase, or even where she displayed it, but it was listed on one of the inventories of her son and heir, Peter Abreu. It re-entered our collection last year, albeit a bit damaged, but still retaining the beautiful blue nouveau glaze with gilt accents.

Founded circa 1740 in Vincennes and Sèvres, the Sèvres porcelain manufactory was purchased by King Louis XV in 1759 and nationalized during the reign of the First Republic of the French Revolution in 1793. Louis XV, his court, and the lesser aristocracy commissioned everything from full-service dining sets, including ice cream coolers, tea sets, potpourri vases, trays, to plaques for installation in beautiful clocks, secretaries, and display cases. Soft-paste porcelain produced prior to 1765 is like 'true' or Asian-produced porcelain, except that it does not contain kaolin in its formula and cannot withstand the high temperatures of boiling water. Eventually, when kaolin deposits were discovered in Europe in the early 1760s, hard-paste porcelain became the industry standard.

In researching our vase, nine similar vases were produced in 1764. The whereabouts of six of the vases are currently known, with one in The Wallace Collection in London. Our vase appears to be the only one dated with an "m" in cursive on the inside of the base. Moulded in soft-paste porcelain, it was possibly designed by Etienne-Maurice Falconet in the goût grec or Grecian taste neoclassical style, which had become fashionable in the early 1760s. The beautiful blue glaze was produced by applying three layers of

cobalt-based enamel with a thick brush. The high price of these objects was due to the fact that after each layer of color, the piece was re-fired in the kiln. The larger the item with subsequently more layers and firing, the more likely damage could occur in the form of cracks rendering the piece worthless. The hand-painted gilded trimmings were formed in several documented patterns; our vase displays a sablé or sand pattern around the top banding and footed heel of the base. Surviving for almost 260 years and a trip across the Atlantic Ocean, our vase needed a bit of conservation in the form of reproducing a small portion of the husk-like garland which drapes over the shoulder of the vase along with repairing a few chips in

the porcelain at the top edges. Tucked safe in its custom box and crate, the vase made its way to a conservator in New York City who carefully cleaned and recreated the missing elements.

While May probably used it as it was originally intended — as a flower vase or potpourri container — it currently remains empty, enjoying a hallowed space in the dining room. But there are some lovely end-of-summer, Brown-eyed Susan daisies in the garden that are calling out for a gorgeous blue and white flower vase.





This vase has survived for almost 260 years and a trip across the Atlantic Ocean, acquiring a few chips and cracks along the way.



HER BED BEGAN TO FLOAT



T.R.R. Cobb House

BY SAMUEL N. THOMAS, JR.

Over the past several months, the staff at the T.R.R. Cobb House has been digging deeper into the Cobb family and some of their descendants. Recently, we were able to purchase several Cobb letters from a collector, and within the stack were a couple of newer letters than what we were used to, and one in particular caught our attention. The letter, written by A.C. McKinley to “Dear Willie,” tells of him and “Aunt Sallie” being in a dire situation in their home in Inverness, Georgia. So let’s take a look at the letter and see what we can learn.



William “Willie” McKinley Cobb,
the grandson of Howell Cobb

*Dear Willie,
Your kind letter of Oct. 13th rec’d & I would have replied sooner, but we have been exceedingly busy trying to patch up the damage done us by the terrible hurricane and tidal wave of Oct. 2d. for four weary hours we stood, (your Aunt & myself) waist deep in water. The waves coming across the island, directly from the ocean, covered the tops of our windows. In the house the water was nearly 3 feet deep in the yard, nearly 6 feet deep on a level. The waves in our yard were fully 12 feet high. Your Aunt S. was sick in bed with fever, but when her bed began to float, she had to get up & stand waist deep in water for hours. We lost most of our possessions – either out right or from damage by salt water, all our furniture is dropping to pieces, and my bibles – my own, my father’s & my grandfather’s – with all the family records for three generations were ruined, as the bibles were under water for hours. I hope however that I can copy the family records.*

We are distressed over the sad news from your brother Tom. Your father writes very hopelessly about his condition. It is the saddest case I ever knew. Your Aunt Sallie thanks you for your kind & sympathetic message. We shall always be glad to hear from you. Are you still in the Interior Department? Let me know when you change your address.

Your Aunt Sallie joins me in much love to you.

*Yr. Aff. Uncle
A.C. McKinley*

This envelope was under water since writing the foregoing. I see by the Charleston paper that poor Tom is dead. You all have our sincerest sympathy.

So, who are our characters here and where was Inverness, Ga.? There is no town in Georgia named Inverness. The town of

Darien was originally named New Inverness, but soon after its founding the name was changed to Darien. Could the McKinleys have named their house Inverness? We know they lived on Sapelo Island. Further investigation found that A.C. McKinley was Archibald Carlisle McKinley, the brother of Mary McKinley Cobb, a sister of Howell Cobb, Jr., son of Howell Cobb, Sr. “Willie” is William McKinley Cobb, son of Howell Cobb, Jr. and Mary McKinley Cobb, and the grandson of Howell Cobb, Sr., making Willie AC McKinley’s nephew. Years later Willie retired from his service with the U.S. Patent Office. AC McKinley married Sarah Elizabeth Spalding of Darien, Ga., and the couple made their home on Sapelo Island. On Sapelo, the McKinleys created a post office named Inverness due to the family’s strong Scottish connections. Sallie McKinley was the postmistress and AC was her helper. The Tom mentioned in the letter was Thomas Reade Rootes Cobb, a brother of Willie and great-nephew of our Thomas R.R. Cobb. So, we have the characters and the place, now for the event mentioned in the letter.

The “terrible hurricane and tidal wave” is what originally caught our attention. This hurricane pre-dates the modern custom of naming hurricanes. Instead, folks simply referred to it as the 1898 hurricane. That hurricane first formed Sept. 25, about 220 miles east of Guadeloupe in the Leeward Islands. The storm reached hurricane strength on Sept. 27, with estimated winds of 90 mph. The following day, watchers in the Lesser Antilles confirmed the storm was moving along a northwestern path toward the United States. The storm weakened on Sept. 28 as it passed through the Lesser Antilles, but quickly picked up strength as it moved northwest towards the southern U.S. On Oct. 1, the U.S.



Weather Bureau issued storm warnings from Key West, Fla. to Norfolk, Va.

Late Saturday evening, the winds started picking up for the residents all along the Georgia coast from Savannah to Fernandina, Fla. Most coastal inhabitants did not realize as they retreated to their beds that evening that a monster was approaching them from the east.

By sunrise Sunday morning, Oct. 2, folks realized there was a major storm approaching from out at sea. The winds quickly picked up fury about mid-morning according to the *Darien Gazette* when,

[the storm] became furious and continued to grow worst until about one o'clock in the afternoon. The storm continued throughout the day and at one time, it looked as if the whole town would have to succumb. The wind came from the northeast at first but gradually worked around to the east. The most terrible sight of the day was the river which had in a short time become one roaring sea, having spread all over the rice fields and wharves ... It is said that the tide rose about five feet in about twenty minutes. It was from ten to twelve feet higher than ever known before ... The islands opposite and around Darien are a deplorable wreck, and the rice crops have been swept away. Five people are reported dead on Champney and five on Butlers Island. Wolf Island was completely swept and several lives reported lost ... The Sapelo lighthouse and dwelling were badly damaged ... The water went over Cane Creek and Doboy and wreckage from the houses can be seen all along the coast ... The water completely covered Hirds Island and Union Island ... The houses all along the coast were flooded. Every wharf in Darien, except the Hessie's, was destroyed. It was a terrible day and will long be remembered by all.

The hurricane made landfall on Cumberland Island, packing sustained winds estimated at 135 miles per hour, a Category 4. As violent as the winds were, they did not pose the greatest danger or cause the most damage. That's because the hurricane came in with the

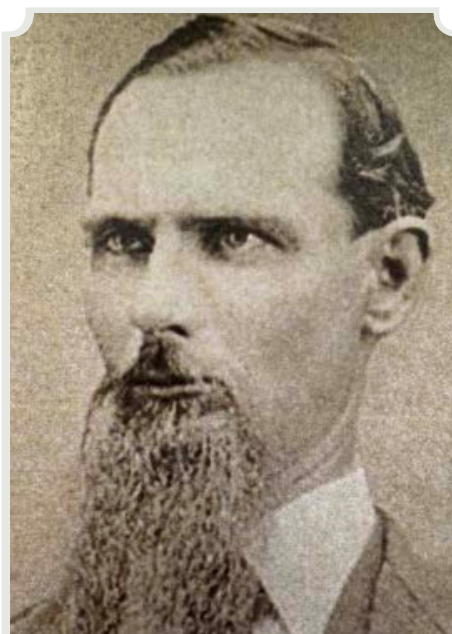
high tide, and not just any high tide, it came in with the full moon spring high tide.

Now most of the older residents of the coast today know that the greatest fury of a hurricane occurs on the storm's northern side of the eye wall. It was a large hurricane. Folks as far south as Mayport on the St. Johns River (Jacksonville, Fla.) felt the storm's wrath. Nearby Fernandina Beach on Amelia Island experienced a storm surge of 12 feet that devastated the beach and caused extensive flooding in the city.

On Cumberland Island itself, the accompanying tidal wave hit the island with an estimated 16-foot wave as it came ashore. The coast and low-lying islands north of Cumberland fared no better. In Savannah, eight feet of water covered all of Hutchinson Island. The Savannah Morning News reported that numerous boats were blown ashore from the 60 mph winds and the Savannah Weather Bureau reported that the flooding severely damaged the railway to nearby Tybee Island.

In Brunswick, the torrential rains and high winds combined to produce a 16-foot storm surge through the streets that toppled trees and collapsed buildings. The local newspaper reported that the whole town "was a solid sheet of water. The mules from McCrary's Livery Stable were taken to the Baptist Church to save them from being drowned — and they promptly showed their gratitude by eating all available hymn books."

On St. Simons, Horace Gould rode out the storm and the tidal wave in his home, Blackbanks. He later penned a letter to his



Archibald Carlisle McKinley, along with his wife Sarah Elizabeth Spaulding, moved to Sapelo Island on the Georgia coast in 1870, where they remained, off and on, for the next 46 years.

sister reporting, "The dining room windows all burst in and the water [was] up to my waist ... The piazza was going up and down like a

bucking horse and the waves were striking the sides ... like a battering ram. When the water began to thump against the floor of the parlor, I feared we would have to get on the roof as the safest place in case the walls fell."

By late afternoon, after the storm passed, Gould ventured to view some of the destruction and wrote, "all the pretty cottages, bath houses, etc., are piled in one inextricable mass next to the woods."

The northern brunt of the storm passed over Blackbeard Island and Sapelo Island, destroying a yellow fever hospital on Blackbeard. Both islands, along with several others in the immediate vicinity: Doboy, Cane Creek, Commodore and Wolf, were all hit by the same 18 foot storm surge as recorded at the Sapelo Island lighthouse. All of these islands were completely flooded.

By the time the waters reached Darien, located at the mouth of the Altamaha River, the water was reported at 13 feet above the mean high water mark. John G. Legare of Darien wrote in his journal:

We had a terrible storm accompanied by a tidal wave of immense proportion. The consequences and effects of this storm were awful. At Ashantilly, the tide rose 8 1/2 feet in about 2 hours [and] 8 1/2 feet above the spring tide mark ... On Champneys Island not a building remains. There is one large break in the rice dikes and six small ones, and the banks are washing badly all around ... The water rose about 13 feet on Champneys island at the settlement.

After moving on shore, the hurricane quickly weakened as it traversed the state and began turning northward as a tropical storm. As it crossed northeastern Alabama, it further weakened to a tropical depression before continuing into the Ohio Valley where it turned northeastward. The last remnants of the storm dissipated near Newfoundland on Oct. 6.

In its wake, it left a huge impact. Not only was the impact felt among the cotton and rice farmers of Georgia, but also those of neighboring South Carolina. In western North Carolina, the North Carolina Weather Bureau recorded 12.5 inches of rain in the highlands in just a few hours. The overall economic impact was estimated at \$1.5 million in damages (a little over \$55 million in today's conversion), most of which occurred in Georgia.

The storm left an even higher toll with lives lost. While we will never know for certain what the final count was, the Charleston Weather Bureau reported that "a number of persons were drowned along the South Carolina coast." Officially, the death toll from the 1898 Georgia hurricane, the worst hurricane to ever hit the state, was 179 with 32 of these deaths reported in Darien.

All of this information was researched, discovered, and gathered from one from one little letter.



DIGGING HISTORY HILL



Sticks & Stones

BY MICHELLE ZUPAN

Hickory Hill's summer camps, at first glance, seem to be an amalgamation of unrelated themes. We started in 2005 with an archaeology summer camp, then added an ecology camp in 2006, and, finally, an inventions camp around 2014. The archaeology camp was crafted to determine what, if anything, remained of Tom Watson's Jeffersonian Publishing Company building. Watson was very much an observer of nature and took pains to ensure that birds had fresh water and squirrels had food through the winter, thus the ecology camp. During Watson's lifetime, many amazing things were either invented or perfected: steam engines, submarines, Morse Code, tanks, and so on. He even wrote in the Weekly Jeffersonian about the Wright brothers' adventures on Kitty Hawk! Thus, a historic inventions camp was born.

The archaeology camp has proven to be the stalwart camp where campers come back year after year, determined to find the most unique artifact hiding just beneath the soil. This year was no different with one camper joining us for his third and fourth weeks! To keep things fresh, we often change out the arts and crafts activities. This year, campers made canopic jars for the preservation of their internal organs after death. We also hosted the Veterans Curation

Program on site. This is a US Army Corps initiative to provide curation and archival skills to veterans from any branch of the military by rehousing, digitizing, and photographing US Army Corps archaeological collections. Labs are in Augusta, Ga., St. Louis, Mo., Alexandria, Va., and San Mateo, Ca. The lab managers at the Augusta lab were thrilled to have their team come excavate with the Hickory Hill junior archaeologists.

This year, we added one additional bonus for our advanced archaeology campers and interns – an exhibition. Community-curated exhibitions have been around for decades, most commonly in art museums. Members of a club, class, group, and so on, are invited in to create an exhibition using either their collections or the museum's collections. This was a first for Hickory Hill.

Each camp and our recent high school graduate interns were given an exhibit case. They selected archaeological materials from the Hickory Hill collections, dictated labels, and placed their artifacts. Help was provided in label mounting and cutting. The campers and interns were very proud of their "Digging Hickory Hill" exhibit which was up through the end of August.



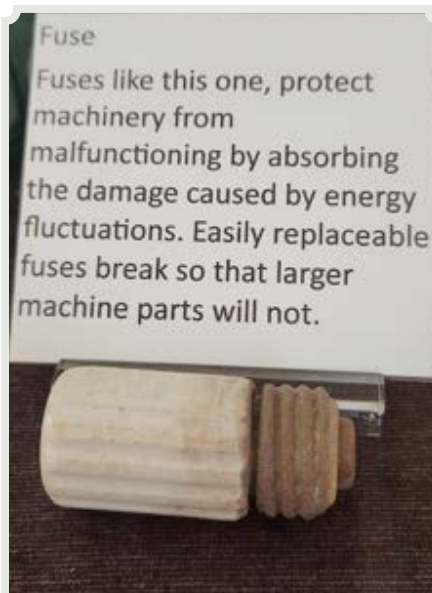
A matrix would tell the linotype which letter and font to form once the linotype operator punched the proper letter on the keyboard. We find many of them at the Jeffersonian.



Interns Kendall Hoobler and Cooper Sikes also exhibited some of their finds. Kendall plans to become an archaeologist one day. Cooper plans to be Kendall's therapist!



Often the lines of type are in poor condition. This one, however, very clearly reflects Tom Watson's frustration with the burden of the American tariff system.



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Fuses like this one, protect machinery from malfunctioning by absorbing the damage caused by energy fluctuations. Easily replaceable fuses break so that larger machine parts will not.



Christine selected this porcelain fuse for her exhibit case.



Christine Newsome is a local Thomson student whose exhibit focused on the electrical system that lit the Jeffersonian.



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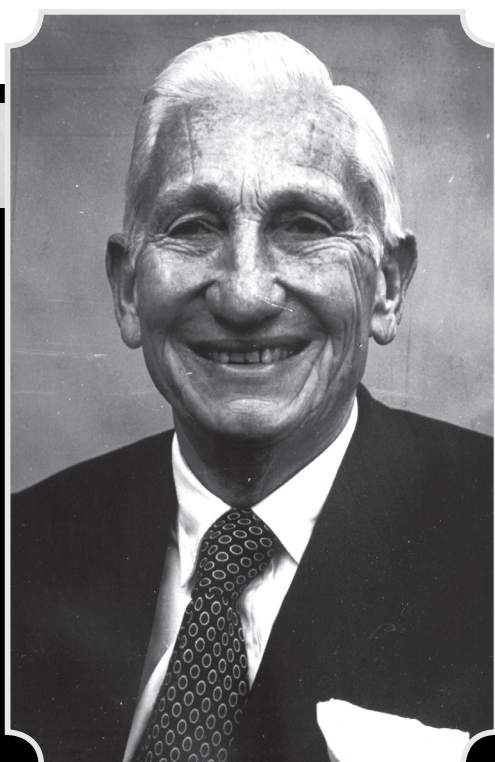
Grovetown Middle School student Eli Collinson was fascinated by the linotype machine and selected many lines of type for his exhibit.



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