EAGLE ACHIEVEMENTS
17 Owls Earn Scout Rank

EUROPEAN ESCAPE
Students Travel to Italy

ELITE ATHLETICS
Lacrosse Takes 14th State Title

CATHERDALS, CAFES, AND CEMETERIES
Owls explore the world of the WWI Lost Generation
THE MUS MISSION:
Memphis University School is a college-preparatory school dedicated to academic excellence, cultivation of service and leadership, and the development of well-rounded young men of strong moral character, consistent with the school’s Christian tradition.
Seniors Take Director’s Chair

Little Shop Earns Orpheum Nods

Lacrosse Takes 14th State Win

Track and Field Owls Finish Strong

Baseball Team Makes History

Tennis Players Advance to Semis

Soccer Secures Mid-State Berth

Trap Squad Sights Accomplishments

Spring Golf Team is Flawless

Athletes Sign College Commitments

Owls Named Best-of-Prep Winners

The Owls give honor during the National Anthem. See their story on page 26.

Photo by Alan Howell
Seniors Honored with Awards

Seniors received the following special honors recognizing their academic, artistic, athletic, extracurricular, and community service achievements during this school year:

**Russell Johnson Creative Writing Award:**
Graham Boswell

**English Award:**
Charlie Evans

**William D. Jemison III Award for Excellence in Dramatics:**
Sam Payne

**Brescia Award for Unselfish Service in Dramatics:**
Eli Gruen

**Choral Music Award for Excellence:**
Stan Smythe

**Art Award:**
Matthew Strock

**French Award:**
Ryan Gorman and Stan Smythe

**Wayne E. Duff Latin Award:**
Chang Yu

**Spanish Award:**
Jeremy Jacobs

**H. Jerry Peters History Award:**
Jackson Howell

**Christa Green Warner Mathematics Award:**
Jackson Moody and Chang Yu

**Margaret Owen Catmur Science Award:**
Chang Yu

**Religion Award:**
Rick Reinhard

**Distinguished Community Service Award:**
Nick Rezaee

**Dewitt M. Shy, Jr. Mock Trial Award:**
William Miller

**Paul Trowbridge Gillespie Scholar-Athlete Award:**
Bobby Wade

**James R. Haygood III Best All-Around Athlete Award:**
Buchanan Dunavant

**Al Wright Christian Character Award:**
Charlie Evans

**Lee Murray Spirit Award:**
Daniel Black
HOWELL RECEIVES 1693 SCHOLARSHIP

The College of William & Mary 1693 Scholars Program has awarded senior Jackson Howell the prestigious Girton and Bright Families 1693 Scholarship. The college’s most selective scholarship program awards extensive benefits, including full Virginia tuition, and room and board annually to seven students per year. Finalists typically rank in the top 1 percent of their high school senior class, score a 1500 or higher on the SAT (Critical Reading plus Math), and take the most demanding high school curriculum available to them.

LOYOLA NAMES KERKHOF IGNATIAN SCHOLAR

Senior Brad Kerkhof has earned the New Orleans Ignatian Scholarship for Academic Excellence at Loyola University. Ignatian Scholars receive a full-tuition scholarship and on-campus housing allowance, plus admission into the Honors Program. Scholars must also fulfill specialized service requirements as part of this cohort. Qualified applicants must complete a selective interview, achieve a minimum cumulative 3.5 GPA on a 4-point scale in academic subjects, and earn a minimum 29 ACT composite or minimum 1300 SAT combined score.

VO EARNs QUESTBRIDGE COLLEGE MATCH

QuestBridge, a national nonprofit that connects the country’s most exceptional, underserved youth with 40 top-tier colleges and universities, has awarded senior Leon Vo a full, four-year scholarship to attend Colby College. Out of the 15,606 applicants this year, Vo is one of 918 outstanding students selected as scholarship recipients. QuestBridge winners earned an average unweighted GPA of 3.92, scored between 1350-1490 on the SAT and between 29-33 on the ACT, and ranked in the top 10 percent of their class. The scholarships cover the full cost of tuition, room, and board, and they require no parental contribution.

KALTenborn Accepts ROTC Scholarship

During a chapel presentation in early May, Navy ROTC representatives presented senior Liam Kaltenborn with a full scholarship to the University of Southern California. Assistant Headmaster Barry Ray explained the offer and commended Kaltenborn for his decision.

“When Liam finishes school, he will be commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Navy or join the Naval Reserves to complete his commitment,” Ray said. “MUS is always proud of our students who willingly commit to service of our country.”
Seventeen Owls have reported achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 2017-18. Seniors Tate Bailey, Mack Bethell, William Dellinger, Thompson McDonald, Jackson Moody, Peter Raves, Stan Smythe, Landon Springfield, and Jason Wang; juniors Bailey Keel, Stillman McFadden, Matt Rhodes, and Warren Turner; sophomores Robert Dickinson and Alex Warr; freshman Griffin Hood; and eighth grader McRae Dickinson have achieved the highest attainable rank in the Boy Scouts of America. This rank requires years to fulfill; the scout must earn at least 21 merit badges, pass a lengthy review process, lead a community service project, and demonstrate an ideal attitude based upon the Scout Oath and Law, service, and leadership. The Eagle Scout program is over 100 years old, and historically only four percent of Boy Scouts are granted this rank.

Send your 2017-18 or 2018-19 Eagle Scout ceremony information to Mrs. Rebecca Greer at rebecca.greer@musowls.org, and let her know which school year the rank was achieved.
Owl Represents at National Spelling Bee

Eighth grader Mark Hieatt advanced through the third round of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee in May in Washington, DC, scoring well on the first round written exam and passing two rounds of grueling onstage competition broadcast live on ESPN3.

“When I was on the big stage under the lights, surrounded by all these other national spellers, there was just a lot more pressure than I have felt before, and I had to work very hard to keep thinking clearly and spelling carefully,” he said. “Dr. Jacques Bailly, the long-time announcer, is very kind and funny, though, so he calms you down a lot as he answers your questions on stage.”

Following the third round, the judges brought top performers from all three rounds, including Hieatt, back on stage. From there, the field would reduce to the top 41 finalists. Mark’s exam score was just shy of what was necessary to advance. Tied in 42nd place, Hieatt bid the competition adieu.

Dapper in his bow ties, Springfield Scholars lapel pin, and a big grin, he ended his spelling bee career never hearing the dreaded buzzer for misspelling a word on the national stage. This year’s national bee, described as the most intense competition in the bee’s 93-year history, had a record 514 contestants.

“My biggest takeaway from competing in the National Bee is that it really does pay off to work the hardest,” he said. “There is some randomness in a spelling bee, of course, but I have no doubt that the last competitors standing worked the hardest among all of us this year. Their dedication to winning really impressed me.”

Some of the words Hieatt successfully tackled while at the national competition: barrenness, pestilential, pataphysics, troglodyte, flagellate, orpiment, bocconcini, pteridophyte, remittent, mizuna, and Tahitian.

Lower School YIG Delegates Earn Honors

Ten Lower School Youth in Government delegates attended the YMCA Middle School YIG Conference at Memphis City Hall in late April, and three seventh graders collected accolades:

Amar Kanakamedala: Outstanding Statesperson

Parth Mishra: Outstanding Statesperson

Jack Zaptin and Kanakamedala: Outstanding Bill

Eighth-grade delegates were Will Chandler, McRae Dickinson, and Clayton Nearn; seventh-grade delegates were Aryaan Ahmed, Kris Johnson, Kanakamedala, Ting Key, Mishra, Kyan Ramsay, and Zaptin.

Senior Oyama Hampton (MUS Government Club president) and freshman Harmon Colvett (2019 YIG Attorney General for the State of Tennessee) served as officers at the conference.
Eight seventh-grade Owls qualified for special honors in Duke University’s Talent Identification Program. State Recognition honorees were Vince Boberski, Kartikeya Bomb, Shane Faulkner, Kevin Ma, and Kyan Ramsay.

Eight seventh graders tested, and all eight were invited to participate in Duke’s summer online classes. Of those, Boberski, Bomb, Faulkner, Jaxon Hammond, Ma, and Ramsay were invited to attend Duke’s Center for Summer Studies, and Kemp Conrad and Myles Martin qualified to attend Duke’s Academy for Summer Studies.

The Duke University Talent Identification Program seeks students who score above the 95th percentile on grade-level achievement tests and recommends that they take the ACT or SAT during their seventh-grade year. The goal is to help TIP assess the country’s rising academic potential.
Dean’s Scholars
Students who have earned 90 or above in every regular and honors course and 80 or above in every honors accelerated and AP course are designated Dean’s Scholars.

Grade 12
Charlie Evans
Matt Fogelman
Benjamin Freeman
Miller Grissinger
Eli Gruen
Edward Henley
Jackson Howell
Jeremy Jacobs
Liam Kaltenborn
Brad Kerkhof
Jackson Moody
Will Murrah
Tyler Rakers
Peter Raves
Rick Reinhard
Nick Rezaee
Jon Staffel
Matthew Temple
Leon Vo
Bobby Wade
Jason Wang
Bays Webb
Jacob Webb
Mason Williams
Cameron Wyatt
Chang Yu

Grade 11
Louis Allen
James Blatchford
David Byrd
Jack Dabov
Jonathan Douglass
Call Ford
Ben Gilliland
Ethan Hurst
Lukas Jakstas
Bailey Keel
Ethan Lam
Emerson Manley
John Mann
Ev Nichol
Houston Pate
William Quinlen
Sellers Shy
Zuhair Somjee

Jet Tan
Loyd Templeton
Warren Turner
Grant Young

Thomas Preston
Morgan Temme
Jack Zapatin
Lou Zhou

Chandler Tabor
Mylan Taylor
Trey Thomas
Jonathan Williams

Grade 10
Churchill Akhigbe
Vaught Benge
Reid Chandler
Parth Dahima
Charlie Eason
Cameron Evans
Gregory Guo
Jonathan Huang
Kyle Koester
Rob McFadden
Will Portera
Arjun Puri
Max Sabin
Jim Thomas
Jack Wellford
Will Woodmansee

Dean’s List
Students who have earned a weighted semester GPA of at least 3.25 with no semester grade below 80 are placed on the Dean’s List.

Grade 12
Tate Bailey
Mack Bethell
John Bolton
Graham Boswell
Joe Carter
William Dellinger
Buchan Dunavant
Harry Dunavant
Smith Duncan
Jack Eason
Tide Faley
Benton Ferebee
Sean Fitzhenry
Alexander Goodwin
Austin Hamilton
Brandon Haney
Jordan Hays
Noah Hooper
Will Huffman
Alex Humphreys
Michael Jennings
Marshall Jones
Barry Klug
Foster Ligon
Aidan Lonergan
John McBride
Thompson McDonald
Bo McEwan
Hastings McEwan
William Miller
Macon Orr
Mathon Parker
Charlie Rhodes
Erik Richardson
Mac Robinson
Daniel Shumake
Javan Smith
Stan Smythe
Hayden Stark
Zachary Street
Matthew Stock

Grade 9
Drew Burnett
Leo Campbell
Hart Gowen
Dutch Hansen
Cullen Lonergan
Colin McCown
Holden Pate
Ryan Peng
Max Stackelford
Edwin Shy

Dean 8
Collin Craft
Noah Emmert
Dex Jack
Evon Jones
Johnathan Ray
Forest Rudd
Gamer Uithorn
Coleman Whitehead
Kerry Zhao

Grade 7
Jack Blackwell
Vince Boberski
Lewis Butler
Clarence Chapman
Charlie Gamble
Jaxon Hammond
Joseph Keeeler
Eli Lewis
Kevin Ma
Parth Mishra
Brown Nickey

Seth Richey
Cole Saenz
Jeffrey Shulkin
Benjamin Sklar
Zane Snead
Loi Vuong
Alex Warr

Grade 9
Ahmad Alsafwah
Omar Alyousef
Joseph Barnes
Warren Barry
Jack Beard
DJ Brown
Ben Burkhart
Walker Burks
Wesley Butler
Stephen Cates
Harmon Colvett
Luke Donovan
Chip Eason
Judson Fair
Jack Fortenberry
Elijah Graham
Cooper Grinspun
Braxton Hart
Zachary Herman
Ben Hernandez
Joe Husdon
Jack Jabbour
Will Jarratt
McKnight Johnston
Warren Johnston
Matthew Jones
Paul Jones
Akkar Latif
Mac Magness
Hud McGhee
Reid McGowan
Everett Miller
Watts Miller
Jack Morin
Gavin Munney
Charlie Nichols
Henry Nicky
Samy Paul
Jacob Rickels
Henry Robinson
Daniel Russell
Carson Rutherford
Will Schuessler
Cason Triplett
J.P. Wood
Michael Wylie
Tamaz Young
Tyllyn Young

Grade 8
James Barton
Turner Bishop
Will Chandler
William Gooch
Edward Grinde
Kylar Herring
Mark Hieatt
Cole Latkovic
Alex Li
Oscar Marshall
Matthew Mellone
Shuja Mirza
Reece Neelham
Talal Siddig
Nicholas Tam
Jack Varner
Hayes Wilkinson
George Zhang

Grade 7
James Alexander
Cristian Archo
Aaron Barawid
Carter Campbell
Reid Chauhan
Braden Chubb
Charles Hamlette
Jack Knighton
James Ledbetter
John Lee
Ben McBride
Jackson Os Walt
Isaac Palmer
Clyde Patton
Sam Phan
Kyan Ramsay
Jordan Saunders
Andrew Schell
Barrett Summers
Rhodes Temme
Edward Wilson
Andrew Xu
Henry Yu

An archive of Honor Rolls can be found on our website Resource Board behind your login.
Instructor in English Dax Torrey ’94 presided over the 2017-18 Order of the Owl induction in mid-May, as 26 new members were inducted, and nine eighth graders maintained their membership for a second year.

To be eligible for induction, eighth graders must have a weighted academic average of 90, and seventh graders must have a weighted academic average of 93 for the year. In addition, all inductees must demonstrate excellent citizenship in accordance with the school Honor Code and Community Creed.

Second-year Order of the Owl eighth graders are Will Chandler, McRae Dickinson, William Gooch, Edward Grinder, Alex Li, Matthew Mellone, Johnathan Ray, Coleman Whitehead, and Christopher Yarbro.


Students in the top 10 percent of the eighth-grade class gained entry to the Springfield Scholars honor society May 10. The 2017-18 honorees are Simeon Betapudi, Collin Craft, Noah Emmert, Mark Hieatt, Dex Jack, Forest Rudd, Garner Uhlhorn, George Zhang, and Kerry Zhao.

During an evening banquet with parents in attendance, teachers selected by each boy offered testimonials, describing their student’s outstanding attributes, plus a few amusing quirks. Springfield Scholars from the Class of 2018, Brad Kerkhof and Rick Reinhard, recalled their own induction as eighth graders and offered words of wisdom regarding Upper School opportunities and challenges ahead. Lower School Principal Clay Smythe ’85, who founded the program, presented each scholar with a commemorative tie, pin, and certificate.

This was the 13th Springfield Scholars ceremony. Named in memory of the first Lower School principal, Mr. John Murry Springfield, this is the most esteemed honor society in the Lower School. The top 10 percent of eighth graders through third quarter qualify for induction. They must also have demonstrated character consistent with the high standards of the school’s Community Creed and Honor Code and must maintain their performance during fourth quarter.

Facility Induct Nine Springfield Scholars

Twelve-one Owls competed against the best physics students from 11 states in the annual Physics Bowl, taking second place in Division II for the third year in a row. In addition, senior Chang Yu took first place among all individuals in the region. The contest is split into two divisions of first-year and second-year physics students. Our top five second-year students were Yu, Jeremy Jacobs, Jackson Moody, Rick Reinhard, and Brad Kerkhof. With their combined score of 124, they beat teams from such prestigious schools as Oak Ridge High School in Tennessee and Randolph School in Alabama.

Other Owl competitors were seniors Benjamin Freeman, Aidan Lonergan, William Miller, Sam Payne, Jon Staffel, John Ross Swaim, Matthew Temple, Jacob Webb, and Cameron Wyatt; juniors Tareq Alyousef, Eddie Feild, Grayson Kendall, Jory Meyers, Kayhan Mirza, Caleb Riggs, and Ty Williams.

Owls Take Second in Physics Bowl Region
Owls Medal in National Spanish Exams
Spanish students collected hardware for their performance on the 2018 National Spanish Examinations.

**LEVEL 4**

**Gold:** Jeremy Jacobs, 99th percentile; William Miller, 99th; Benjamin Freeman, 98th; Bennett Barousse, 97th; Barry Klug, 96th.

**Bronze:** David Jones, 82nd percentile

**LEVEL 3**

**Gold:** Jonathan Douglass, 99th percentile; Nicholas Guerra, 99th; Nicholas Hurley, 99th.

**Silver:** Omar Selim, 92nd percentile; Weston Touliatos, 91st; Joshua Blackburn, 89th; Kayhan Mirza, 89th; Robbie Musicante, 89th; Houston Pate, 89th.

**Bronze:** J.J. Johnson, 82nd percentile

**LEVEL 2**

**Gold:** Cameron Evans, 99th percentile; Vijdan Gill, 99th; Rob McFadden, 99th; Reid Chandler, 98th; Ben Cramer, 98th; Gus Carter, 97th; Ben Lindy, 96th; Parth Dahima, 95th; Jeffrey Shulkin, 95th.

**Silver:** Dutch Hansen, 93rd percentile; Robert Ayotte, 92nd; Duncan McLean, 91st; Cole Saenz, 91st; Griffin Hood, 89th; Benjamin Sklar, 89th; Drew Rakers, 88th; Knox McQuillen, 87th.

**Bronze:** Daniel Meskin, 83rd percentile; Jack Fernandez, 83rd; Stratton Barousse, 80th; Reilly Ring, 79th; Wasif Abdullah, 78th.

**LEVEL 1**

**Gold:** Joseph Barnes, 99th percentile; Luke Donovan, 99th; Tamaz Young, 99th; Haron Colvet, 98th; Matthew Jones, 98th; Jack Beard, 97th; Warren Johnston, 96th; Harm Thomas, 95th.

**Silver:** Ahmad Alsafwah, 93rd percentile; Joe Hudson, 93rd; Omar Alyousef, 92nd; Ben Hernandez, 91st; Judson Fair, 89th.

**Bronze:** Tylyn Young, 83rd percentile; Torrance Bostick, 78th; Miller Galloway, 78th; Wes Vanderslice, 75th.
In a chapel presentation in late April, Instructor in French Rebecca Keel recognized students for high achievement on Le Grand Concours, the National French Exam. Four students placed in the top-10 rankings in the state: freshman Leo Campbell, 5th place rank in French I; sophomore Will Woodmansee, 10th place in French II; and seniors Ryan Gorman, 8th place, and Liam Kaltenborn, 9th place, in French IV.

Madame Keel also recognized these students for their achievements:

**FRENCH I**

Silver: Leo Campbell, 90th percentile
Bronze: Paul Jones, 80th percentile
Honorable Mention: Evan Boswell, Mac Magness, Paul Marr, Colin McCown, Jack Morin

**FRENCH II**

Silver: Will Woodmansee, 85th percentile
Bronze: J.D. Huber, 80th percentile; Carson Lakin, 75th percentile
Honorable Mention: Alan Applewhite, Andrew Bragorgos, Henry Bridgforth, Cole McDonald, Sloan Miles, Edwin Rawson, James Smythe, Zane Snead, Harris Tennyson, and Ammon Wood

**FRENCH III**

Silver: Churchill Akhigbe, 85th percentile
Bronze: David Byrd, 80th percentile; Richard Neff, 80th percentile; Caleb Riggs, 80th percentile
Honorable Mention: Kylun Ewing, JoJo Fogarty, Emerson Manley, John Mann, Hudson Miller, Sam Nelson

**FRENCH IV**

Silver: Ryan Gorman, 90th percentile; Liam Kaltenborn, 85th percentile
Honorable Mention: Graham Boswell, Aidan Lonergan, Will Murrah, Macon Orr, Stan Smythe
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From left, seniors and outgoing Government Club presidents Omkar Hosad and Oyama Hampton, club advisors Mrs. Jenny Pratt and Mr. Davis Smith, and juniors and incoming club presidents Jory Meyers and Joshua Blackburn
It is fitting that a Spring Break trip to Italy began with an introduction to Italian cuisine in Naples – a full pizza for each of the 17 Latin students alongside Latin instructors Mrs. Marilyn Reinhardt and Mr. Trey Suddarth. After a 15-hour journey from Memphis, we were ready – and hungry.

Next, we walked down the road to Herculaneum, the ancient town destroyed in 79 A.D. when Mt. Vesuvius erupted. We walked inside the houses and down the streets to the marshy level where we saw the remains of the dead. Our guide, Massimo, told us the people hid inside to avoid the ash yet were killed by the pyroclastic flow.

That people who failed in their quest for survival were right in front of us was a bit unnerving, but I liked seeing that aspect of history.

The next day we walked down to the Bay of Naples and rode a ferry to Capri. Our guide, Paola, led us to the top of the island, and we reached the Villa Jovis, an estate from which Tiberius ruled the Roman Empire. Surprisingly, we had the entire site to ourselves, so everyone got incredibly aesthetic pictures.

Leaving Capri, we headed for Amalfi, traveling along the Amalfi Coast, one of the most scenic drives in the world. We visited Amalfi Cathedral, still in use today, a church dedicated to Saint Andrew. We also got our first glimpse into the world of gelato; every other store was a gelateria. The setting sun provided us with amazing photo opportunities.

Pompeii and Vesuvius were next on the itinerary. Pompeii was much larger than Herculaneum, and we split up to visit either the Villa of the Mysteries or the Amphitheatre. I chose the Amphitheatre because I wanted to compare it to the Colosseum when we eventually went there.

After Pompeii, we began our ascent of Vesuvius. The wind seemed to push us backward as we climbed, and we fought to put one foot in front of the other.
of the other. The view at the summit was incredible, exceeding all my expectations.

The next day marked the beginning of our art scavenger hunts. When visiting museums, we had a list of important sculptures and mosaics to locate and photograph. Whoever took the most pictures won a prize.

After visiting the Naples Archaeological Museum – where I saw the Cave Canem mosaic I had read about in my Latin I textbook – we made our way to Sperlonga, home to a museum built on the location of the Villa of Tiberius. The grotto in the back of the villa intrigued us, and we imagined Tiberius eating there when the roof collapsed.

My favorite memory of Rome is emerging from the Metro and being confronted by the looming Colosseum. We walked in and climbed down the steps, viewing the catacombs.

We also visited the Capitoline Museums and Roman Forum. I could not believe I was viewing the Forum because I had read so much about it. In the Capitoline Museums I was in awe of a room full of paintings depicting heroes slaying beasts as well as kings commanding their subjects. One part of the museum offered an amazing view of the Pantheon, Forum, and both the triumphal and funeral arches. We also got to see the remains of the Circus Maximus chariot-racing stadium as well as Trajan's Market. There, we learned about the life of Trajan and his rule of the empire.

The Spanish Steps was our meeting point at night because we could climb to the top and take excellent pictures while exploring shops. We then explored Ostia, the ancient seaport of Rome, and the farther back we went, the more fascinating the ruins were. By the end of our excursion, we had found multiple mosaics that were completely intact.

After visiting the Baths of Caracalla, I was most eager to see the Vatican, especially the Sistine Chapel. Walking in, I could not believe my eyes. The first thing that I saw was the famous painting of God reaching out toward Adam; I learned that the outline of God is in the shape of a brain, a fact Michelangelo must have known when he painted the work.

Our group then saw St. Peter's Basilica, where letters 6 feet tall spelled out Latin phrases about Peter and God; nothing in there was small. Gold was everywhere, highlighting the impact that religion had on art. We walked into an elliptical courtyard that had the foci (focal points) marked. I looked back and realized just how massive the basilica was. We walked to the Ara Pacis Augustae, an altar dedicated to the goddess of peace and honoring Augustus. Both the interior and exterior were sculpted, depicting scenes and family in Augustus’ life.

On our final night, we visited the Piazza Navona that once was the stadium of Emperor Domitian, and we feasted on copious amounts of gelato while checking the scores of the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Full of pie and gelato, we retired to the hotel and prepared for our return. Departing from Rome around 8 in the morning, we reached Memphis at about 10 in the evening.

The trip was a wonderful success, and I encourage all Latin students to make an effort to go.

Trip attendees were sophomores Reid Chandler, Arnab Das, Charlie Eason, Landon Ford, Michael Gayoso, Jonathan Huang, Kyle Koester, Jack Wellford, McKee Whittemore; and freshmen Warren Barry, Wesley Butler, Hart Gowen, Cooper Grinspun, Akbar Latif, Ryan Peng, Jacob Rickels, and Max Shackelford.
Owls Explore Europe and the Lives of the Lost Generation

in Europe directors Ms. Elizabeth Crosby and Mr. Bill Taylor guided 16 Owls through Europe in an intensive study of World War I, featuring the novels All Quiet on the Western Front (Remarque), Johnny Got His Gun (Trumbo), and The Sun Also Rises (Hemingway).
Using Hemingway’s hero Jake Barnes as a guide for the journey, the group considered WWI poetry, art, short stories, films, and locales to better understand the physical, psychological, and spiritual journey of the Lost Generation. On their eclectic trek, they went from cathedrals to cafes, from beaches to burial sites.

“The trip was truly amazing. Normandy was the most impactful to me,” junior Dorian Hopkins said. “Between the museums and the actual locations – hearing our guide’s story as a child during the war – it really hit me hard that people my age died on those beaches. I stood there thinking about the realities of war. It could have been me. It was scary.”

Gertrude Stein once told her friend Ernest Hemingway that “all of [the] young people who served in the war ... are a lost generation.”

After visiting battlefields, museums, and memorials at Normandy and Somme as well as soldiers’ haunts in Paris, the group hiked in Spanish Basque country, from the mountain village of Burguete to Pamplona, ending with a refreshing “deep dive” in the surf of San Sebastián, Spain.

Lost Generation explorers were juniors Louis Allen, Sonny Charbonnet, Henry Duncan, JoJo Fogarty, Trey Fussell, Wade Harrison, Jackson Hays, Hopkins, Will Maiden, Stillman McFadden, Alden Southerland, Hall Upshaw; and sophomores Ben Lindy, Devin Malone, Duncan McLean, and James Smythe.
Never Ceasing to do Good

by Alexander Goodwin ’18

The Civic Service Organization once again had a productive year filled with a variety of ventures, including garden projects, food and blood drives, festivals, and more. Students packed meals for Rise Against Hunger, built planters at Lester Community Center, and staffed the city’s third TEDx conference, just to name a few.

In addition to these events, Owls had regular opportunities to serve the community by tutoring students at Balmoral Elementary twice a week and preparing and serving meals for the homeless at Grace-St. Luke’s “More than a Meal” each Sunday.

All told, the Civic Service Organization served and raised money for at least 33 charities throughout Memphis.
30+ projects benefiting more than 33 organizations in the area.

**Participation by Grade**

- Grade 12: 771.5
- Grade 11: 884
- Grade 10: 717.5
- Grade 9: 409.25

Total CSO Project Hours: 2,782.25 Hours

**Money Raised for Three Organizations**

(Make-A-Wish, Rise Against Hunger, Salvation Army)

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Owls make new friends on Special Olympics day.

Henry Wood and a Balmoral friend during the Easter egg hunt.

Making sandwiches for the Memphis Union Mission.

Clearing ground at Memphis Tilth.

Meal prep during Students vs. Hunger.
Student Directors Showcase Their Work

by Alexander Goodwin ’18

In between the acclaimed production of Little Shop of Horrors and the packed exam period, seniors Omkar Hosad, Witt Miesse, Jon Staffel, and Matthew Strock spent the better part of a month preparing some of their favorite scenes to present for the inaugural Senior Directors Showcase.

Staffel chose David Ives’ Variations on the Death of Trotsky, a stimulating yet humorous meditation on confronting one’s own mortality, starring sophomore James Smythe as Trotsky, junior Smith McWaters as Ramón Mercader, and St. Mary’s senior Morgan Celeste as Mrs. Trotsky.

Miesse chose two of his favorite scenes from Shakespeare’s Henry IV. The first was a humorous scene from a tavern, starring Hosad as Falstaff, Strock as Bardolph, senior Nick Rezaee as Peto, St. Mary’s senior Kiki Whartenby as Mistress Quickly, and St. Mary’s senior Madeleine O’Toole as Prince Hal. The second scene was a tense confrontation between Hotspur and Kate, starring junior Eli Nations as Hotspur, sophomore Vijdan Gill as Kate, and Hutchison sophomore Callie Oehmler as the messenger.

Hosad directed Jean-Paul Sartre’s interpretation of Hell, No Exit, starring junior Ty Williams as Joseph Garcin, freshmen Harmon Colvett and Akbar Latif as Inez Serrano and the valet, and St. Mary’s junior Abby Utley as Estelle Rigault.

Finally, Strock chose another David Ives play, Sure Thing, a poignant portrayal of a chance encounter at a café, starring Miesse and Whartenby as Bill and Betty.

Junior Kylun Ewing and freshmen Cooper Grinspun and Ryan Peng provided technical support.

From left, Nick Rezaee, Matthew Strock, Kiki Whartenby, Madeleine O’Toole, and Omkar Hosad, Henry IV

James Smythe, Smith McWaters, and Morgan Celeste, Variations on the Death of Trotsky

Curtains down on the Student Directors Showcase
Little Shop of Horrors closed out another successful theater season with accolades. The Urchins, from left, St. Mary’s eighth grader Nora James Eikner, St. Mary’s junior Catie Lockhart, St. Mary’s eighth grader Bella Littleton, Hutchison sophomore Callie Oehmler, and Hutchison junior Emma Nair earned the Outstanding Small Chorus award.

Little Shop received 11 Orpheum High School Musical Theatre Award nominations in all, including Outstanding Artistic Element (the plant), Outstanding Hair and Makeup, Outstanding Set, Outstanding Technical Achievement, Outstanding Student Creative Achievement (Houston senior Alexis Doan), Outstanding Student Technical Achievement (senior Alexander Goodwin and Houston freshman Riane Bayne), Outstanding Student Stage Management (senior Matthew Strock), Outstanding Supporting Actor (senior Sam Payne as Mr. Mushnik), and Outstanding Direction by a Teacher (Mr. Tim Greer and Mr. Ted Fockler ’10).
LACROSSE TEAM TAKES 14TH STATE VICTORY

With a 10-5 victory over Chattanooga’s McCallie in the Varsity Division I state-championship game, the lacrosse team continued as the premier program in the state, claiming its seventh Tennessee Scholastic Lacrosse Association title in the last eight years and 14th overall, this time in dominating fashion.

The team finished 14-4 overall, winning nine of its 10 home games, and it avenged its only loss to an in-state team as the Owls had fallen to McCallie, 7-4, in mid-April before defeating the Blue Tornado for the title.

Seniors, a group with much talent and experience, led the Owls. Cam Clayton, Josiah Crutchfield, Buchanan Dunavant, Bentley Greenfield, Austin Hamilton, Brandon Haney, Jordan Hays, Anderson Horton, Foster Ligon, Daniel Shumake, Bobby Wade, Jake Wilbourn, and Rucker Wilkinson ended their careers with three-straight state titles. With a high school record of 62-16, this senior class had six four-year lettermen and five three-year lettermen, for a total of 42 years of varsity experience.

Younger athletes also played significant roles: juniors Ben Cox, Anders Croone, JoJo Fogarty, Stillman McFadden, Sellers Shy, Aiden Southerland, Liam Turley, and Billy Weiss; sophomores Stratton Barrouse, Ben DiMento, Charlie Gilbert, Ben Lindy, Cole McDonald, Daniel Meskin, John Paik, Collins Robinson, Ben Spiegelman, Graham West, and Benjamin White; freshmen Elliot Allen, Banks Benitone, Austin Dowdle, Judson Fair, Cade Fick, Elijah Graham, Dutch Hansen, Joe Hudson, Baxter Jones, Robert King, Mac Magness, Edwin Shy, Jon Van Hoozer, and Tamaz Young.

The Owls opened with two wins over local competition before traveling to Durham, NC, for the King of Spring Tournament, where they went 2-1, falling to Hill Academy (Ontario, Canada) before defeating Westminster (GA) and Greensboro Day (NC) to return to Memphis at 4-1. After Spring Break the Owls lost to longtime rival Islip (NY) at home, 11-10, in a very exciting game. That loss propelled the team to four-straight...
wins, including three over Missouri squads, and they stood at 8–2 going into the second week of April.

Facing strong competition from Chattanooga and Nashville, the team began to play better, defeating Baylor, Montgomery Bell Academy, and Father Ryan, and losing only to McCallie. The Owls ended the regular season in Atlanta with a victory over Mill Creek (GA) and a loss to Lassiter (GA), 8–7.

These tough games against some of the best teams in the South, as well as two contests against Northern teams, seasoned the players for the postseason, and the Owls took advantage. Soundly defeating Montgomery Bell Academy, 14–8, in the semifinals, the squad went on to defeat McCallie, 10–5, taking the championship. In the finals, the Owls jumped out to a 3–0 lead and never trailed. Shumake scored three goals and added two assists, while Wilkinson added two goals and one assist. Additionally, Cox scored once and assisted on goals twice, and Fogarty had one goal and one assist. Other Owls to score included Crutchfield, DiMento, and Wade, with one goal each. Goalie Wilbourn earned Defensive Most Valuable Player, and Shumake was tabbed Offensive Most Valuable Player.

Several Owls received postseason honors. Dunavant, Shumake, and Wade were US Lacrosse All-Americans. First-Team All-League recipients included DiMento, Dunavant, Shumake, Wade, and Wilbourn. And Croone, Crutchfield, Fogarty, Hamilton, and Weiss took places on the All-League Second Team.

Along with assistants Ron Ansley ’97, Chris Colbeck, and Buck Towner ’07, Coach Elliott Dent was pleased with the progress of this team. “It’s always our goal to peak at the end of the season, and this team accomplished that goal,” Dent said. “I was pleased with and thoroughly enjoyed our performance in the championship game. We definitely played our best lacrosse at the end of the year.”

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

**Coach:** Buck Towner ’07  
**Record:** 5–1  
**Roster:** Juniors Stillman McFadden, Liam Turley; sophomores Stratton Barrouse, Charlie Gilbert, Ben Lindy, Cole McDonald, Daniel Meskin, John Paik, Collins Robinson, Ben Spiegelman, Graham West, Benjamin White; freshmen Elliot Allen, Banks Benitone, Austin Dowdle, Judson Fair, Cade Fick, Dutch Hansen, Joe Hudson, Baxter Jones, Robert King, Mac Magness, Edwin Shy, Jon Van Hoozer, Tamaz Young; eighth graders Dean DiMento, Colby Ring

**LOWER SCHOOL**

**Coach:** Jeffrey Block ’94  
**Record:** 18–5  
The 2018 track team began work in January with its traditional 20x200-meter running and weight-room workouts. Early on, the athletes demonstrated they would be hard-working, amenable, and enjoyable to coach. Once the season started, the Owls competed well, beginning with a solid second-place finish at the Harding Bonner Relays, then winning four of the five mid-week meets at home, capturing second place at the regional meet, and securing a sixth-place finish at the state meet, for an overall record of 49-8.

The team had four seniors: Noah Hooper (pole vault), Jeremy Jacobs (distance), Hastings McEwan (distance), and Peter Raves (distance). Twelve juniors were key contributors: Stephen Christenbury (throws, multi), Ben Gilliland (sprints), Reagan Griffin (high jump), Maurice Hampton (sprints), Clay Harrison (high jump), Jalen Hollimon (sprints), Dorian Hopkins (sprints, triple jump, throws, multis), Hudson Miller (distance), Eston Pahlow (pole vault), Matt Rhodes (throws), Sellers Shy (sprints), and Ty Williams (sprints). The roster included many freshmen and sophomores, led by consistent sophomore scorers Marcus Henderson (shot), Alex Warr (distance), and McKee Whittemore (distance); and freshmen Gavin McKay (pole vault, hurdles, multis), Mason Pahlow (sprints), and Tylyn Young (relays).

Rounding out the team were juniors Thomas Hayden and Sam Nelson; sophomores Bo Abbay, Churchill Akhigbe, Gus Carter, Charlie Eason, Cody Hopkins, Keithran Hopson, Will McEwan, Rob McFadden, Devonte Nelson, John Paik, Tra Warren; freshmen Joseph Barnes, Cameron Bouley, DJ Brown, William Harris, Griffin Hood, Roderic Lewis, Marcus Love, Mason Love, Paul Marr, McLean Meeks, Jason Nguyen, Vincent Perkins, Cason Triplett, and J.P. Wood.

Throughout the season Dorian Hopkins led the team in scoring, finishing the year with 188 total points and contributing one-quarter of all relay points. At state he finished fourth in the decathlon, second in discus, and third in the triple jump, and he anchored the 4x200 relay team to a fifth-place finish. For his outstanding effort all season, Hopkins was the...
recipient of the Robert Hussey Most Valuable Award in track.

Second on the scoring list was ninth-grader McKay, also a decathlete, who finished second at the region meet. He scored in most meets in the pole vault, long jump, and hurdles. At the state meet he ran a leg on the fourth-place 4x400 team.

Hastings McEwan was the team’s best distance runner and capped off a stellar career in cross country and track. He scored 68 points throughout the season and finished as the region champion in both the 1600- and 3200-meter runs as well as runner-up in the 800-meters.

Finally, the team was able to close out the season with outstanding performances by Shy. He competed in most mid-week meets (when they did not conflict with his work in lacrosse) and shocked everyone at the regional meet with an outstanding 49.25 effort in winning the region 400-meters, shortly after helping both the 4x100 and 4x200 teams qualify for state. He followed that performance at region helping the 4x400 team advance. At state he became the fifth Owl to become the 400-meter dash state champion, running 49.33 in a driving rainstorm. He then came back and anchored the 4x400 team to a fourth-place finish, making up almost 25 meters on a Christian Brothers runner to secure that spot. His 49.25 is the seventh-fastest 400 ever run by an MUS track athlete.

Looking back on the year, Head Coach Bobby Alston was pleased with his team.

“This group not only was talented but also extremely easy and fun to work with. They put forth excellent effort, and I enjoyed watching them compete and have success,” Alston said.

This success was due in large part to the efforts of the Owls track staff. Coaches Orlando McKay, Joe Tyler, Jonas Holdeman, Johnny Jones, Glenn Rogers, Meredith McFarlin, and Dave Ferebee do a great job helping MUS athletes – as well as other competitors who participate in the school’s meets – enjoy their track experiences.

**LOWER SCHOOL**

**Coach:** Meredith McFarlin

**Record:** 5-0

The 2018 baseball season will go down as one of the best in program history. The team finished the year 26-11 with a region title and state-championship-game appearance.

Beginning the season with the Battle on the Beach Tournament in Biloxi, MS, the Owls started well with a 2-1 defeat of Ocean Springs High School as senior Conner Hobbs threw a complete game and struck out eight batters.

After having dropped two games to Mississippi powerhouses Gulfport and Northwest Rankin, the team rebounded to beat Olive Branch, 4-3, to complete the event at 2-2.

The Owls returned home and began a string of victories in the Best of the West Tournament, winning five straight over Haywood County, St. Mary’s (MO), Memphis Home School, Jackson (MO), and Houston to finish the tournament undefeated. After a tough road loss to University School of Jackson, the Owls rebounded with two consecutive wins, including Memphis Home School and Hinsdale South (IL), in which Hobbs threw a no-hitter.

After a loss to St. George’s, MUS stood at 9-4 as region play began with a two-game series against preseason region favorite Briarcrest. Down 3-0 through five innings, the Owls tied the game with three runs in the sixth before taking the contest to extras when senior John Bolton delivered a walk-off single that scored junior Maurice Hampton. In game two, the Owls traveled to Eads and went home with a 4-2 victory and a great region start.

The team continued its hot play by sweeping two games over ECS, striding into their next region series against CBHS with much confidence. A bases-loaded walk in the sixth inning gave the Owls a 1-0 game-one victory, with Hobbs striking out 10 in his fourth complete game of the season. The Owls returned home to complete the series but fell, 14-7, putting their record...
at 14-5, 3-1. The Owls rebounded with three non-conference wins, including defeating Germantown as senior John Ross Swaim threw a no-hitter, leading the team to a 3-0 victory. The Owls then finished regular-season regional play by sweeping St. Benedict to clinch the No. 1 seed in the region tournament.

MUS began regional tournament play against Briarcrest, the event’s host. Struggling early and trailing 2-0 through five innings, the Owls finally scored in the sixth. In the final inning, with one out and facing a 1-1 count, Bolton unleashed a shot to the left field trees, tying the contest at 2 and sending it to extras. After having left the bases loaded in the ninth, the Owls won the game in the 10th with a walk-off single by senior Jesse Homan that scored junior Wade Harrison.

The Owls then defeated CBHS, 5-3, for a spot in the region championship, where they faced the Brothers again. After CBHS took an early 1-0 lead, the Owls took charge, scoring 12 unanswered runs on their way to a 12-1, run-rule victory to lead, 5-4. After McCallie had tied the game in the seventh, the Owls won the game in the bottom of the inning as once again Stark walked it off with a single that scored Hampton, sending the Owls to their fifth state-championship appearance in program history.

Playing at Middle Tennessee State University, MUS would have to take two from Mideast Region champions Baylor to win the title. Unfortunately, the Red Raiders’ bats caught fire, sending the Owls home as state-runners-up after a 12-4 defeat.

“I couldn’t have asked for a better team and a better season,” senior shortstop/relief pitcher Bolton said. “We grew as the year went on, and it showed; everyone contributed to help us get to the state championship.” Bolton also gave credit to the underclassmen. “The team next year will be led by good players who aren’t selfish. They have immense talent and will carry the team deep into the state tournament.”

Fourth-year Head Coach John Jarnagin – ably assisted by coaches Murphy Appling, Johnny Beard, Kyle Finney, Bo Hart, and Chris Stewart – was extremely pleased with the play of the entire team throughout the year. “We had great senior leadership, the ability to not panic when things went south, and great chemistry – the guys believed in each other. Underneath all of that, we had tenacious players who performed really well. It was fun to watch these guys.”

The baseball program says goodbye to seniors Bolton, Miller Grissinger, Hobbs, Homan, Stark, and Swaim. All six were not only key contributors on the field, but they also provided leadership and support for the younger players.

The Owls will return a parliament of talented, experienced underclassmen to help lead the program in the future – juniors Scott Burnett, Robin Coffman, Brock Dallstream, Griff Griffin, Hampton, Harrison, J.J. Johnson, Lee Linkous, Dylan Lomax, and Henry Wood; sophomores Matt Camp, Jack Gorman, Jacob Messer, Riley Palmer, Portera, Connor Price, Drew Rakers, Reilly Ring, and Harris Tennysin; and freshmen Warren Barry, Ben Burkhart, Walker Burks, Drew Burnett, Alex Coffman, Reid Ferguson, Jordan Helton, John Parker Hogan, Ince, Will Jarratt, Tyler Jordan, Caleb Littlejohn, Hud McGehee, Watts Miller, Jacob Rickels, Sam Scott, Dan Shell, Nash Stewart, Carrigan Sulcer, Dempsey Terhune, Carlos Thomas, and Max White.

LOWER SCHOOL

Coaches: Jeffrey Wright, Blair Wright ’08, Jay Edwards ’07, Edward Francis ’12, Victor Cole ’12

Record: 14-10

Tennis Owls Advance to Semifinals

Despite fielding an extremely young roster, the varsity tennis team was still one of the best squads in the South as the Owls went undefeated in dual matches and were competitive in every tournament of the year.

The three seniors – Mack Bethell, Ryan Seamons, and manager Chang Yu – had been with the program for many years and contributed much to its success.


The Owls won all their local matches in the regular season. Additionally, they hosted the MUS/Hutchison Invitational and won all three matches easily, defeating University School of Jackson, Jackson Prep (MS), and Trinity.

The team participated in two prestigious out-of-town tournaments during the regular season. In the Chattanooga Rotary Tournament, the squad finished fourth in the bracketed event, just 3 points behind Montgomery Bell Academy, 1.5 behind St. Xavier (KY), and 0.5 behind Gilman (MD). And in the Carter Invitational, held in Nashville, the Owls placed fourth again with just three points separating Montgomery Bell Academy, Baylor, McCallie, and MUS.

At the region tournament, Owls dominated – Powell defeated Guo in
the individual finals in three sets, and in doubles action, Touliatos/Richey beat Donovan/Owen, 6–3, 6–4 – to win the regional title.

After dispatching Brentwood Academy in the quarterfinals of the state tournament, 4–0, the team advanced to semifinal action in the Adams Tennis Complex in Murfreesboro. In this round, Donovan and Wylie won their singles matches, but the Owls fell to a very-talented Baylor team, 4–2.

In the individual state tournaments, the Owls had good showings but were ultimately upended. In singles action, Powell fell in the quarterfinals while Guo won his first match but dropped his semifinal match. And in the doubles bracket, the team of Donovan/Owen fell in the quarterfinals, 6–3, 6–7 (3), 2–6, and the duo of Richey/Touliatos won their first two matches but lost in the finals, 4–6, 3–6.

Coach Bill Taylor and Assistant Coach Phil Chamberlain were very pleased with this team, which won its 37th – and 23rd consecutive – regional championship in the last 38 seasons. The coaches were particularly pleased with how diligently the members of the team competed and sought to improve.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better group of guys,” said Taylor, who just completed his 42nd year at the school. “This was a competitive team that represented the school well, and we really enjoyed watching them compete. We have many key contributors back next year, and we are excited to watch them improve.”

With all the athletes who played at state returning next year, the team should again be a major contender for state titles and continue its dynasty in Tennessee.
The varsity soccer Owls completed a very successful year, finishing second in the TSSAA Division II-AA West Division and advancing all the way to the state semifinals in Murfreesboro, their first mid-state berth in six years.

The team began its road to state after facing some competitive preseason opponents followed by some tough non-conference competition. Playing local teams such as Central, Evangelical Christian School, Houston, Lausanne, Memphis Business Academy, Overton, and St. George’s as well as out-of-town teams Brentwood Academy and Hoover (AL), the Owls were well-tested and ready for divisional play. They opened conference action by defeating Briarcrest, 3-1, with a stellar hat trick from senior Zaid Alyousef. From there the Owls beat St. Benedict at Auburndale in a 4–0 stomp.

In late April Christian Brothers handed the Owls a tough, 3-1 home loss. Four days later MUS once again faced Briarcrest, this time tying the Saints, 0-0. Following its last non-conference game against Overton, the team split its final two divisional games, defeating St. Benedict, 2–0, but falling in a hard-fought game against Christian Brothers to finish divisional play at 3–2–1 and earn a first-round bye into the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

Hosting the quarterfinal match, the Owls beat Montgomery Bell Academy, 1–0, thanks to a spectacular header from senior Benjamin Freeman. "Winning in the quarterfinals was really special for our seniors since that’s never happened while we were at MUS,” said senior and team captain Charlie Evans. For the younger guys it was special because it’ll hopefully prove a taste for what’s going to come in the next few years – for the very real chance they go even further than our group did this year."

After the quarterfinal victory came an act of camaraderie: Everyone on the squad bleached their hair blond in preparation for state. However, the season ended in the semifinals as they fell, 4–0, to a very talented Baylor team in Murfreesboro.

With the second-place finish in the West Division, the coaches were proud of the players.

“The team was definitely not always the most experienced or even the most skilled on the field, but they always were the hardest–working, game in and game out, and that effort pushed us all season long,” Assistant Coach Ted Fockler ’10 said.

This year’s seniors – Alyousef, Bennett Barousse, William Dellinger, Evans, Freeman, Carlo Guinocor, David Jones, Marshall Jones, Thompson McDonald, Tyler Rakers, Stan Smythe, Matthew Temple, and Trey Thomas – helped push the team forward at every turn. They were also greatly assisted by juniors Nicholas Guerra, Nicholas Hurley, Will Maiden, Ryan Matthews, Kayhan Mirza; sophomores Ben Cramer, Samuel Kilgore, Kyle Koester, Charles...
Long, Knox McQuillen, Ben Merriman, Lucio Rosa; and freshmen Rhodes Heard and Harm Thomas.

Along with Assistant Coach Todd Erickson, Head Coach Vincent Beck and the Owls still managed to go further than they have in several years.

Evans summed up the year well: “It was a pretty up-and-down season, but we were fortunate to have a really close-knit group of guys and coaching staff, so we were able to keep a positive outlook throughout the season.”

Coach Beck also thoroughly enjoyed this year.

“I have been coaching high-school soccer for 23 years now, and I can easily state that this is one of the most enjoyable teams I have ever coached,” Beck said. “The combination of senior leadership, camaraderie, and hard work made this team a pleasure to work with on a daily basis. I will miss a great group of seniors but look forward to working with our returning underclassmen, who gained valuable varsity experience this year during a chaotic but highly competitive schedule.”

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**JUNIOR VARSITY**

**Coaches:** Michael McGuire ’03, Antony Eddy

**Record:** 14–3–5

**Roster:** Juniors Henry Duncan, Robbie Musicante, Kirklin Perkins, Omar Selim, Grant Young; sophomores Alan Applewhite, Henry Bridgforth, Sam Gallop, Fox Harris, Jesse Houston, Yusuf Kazi, Jake Knaff, Duncan McLean, Land Phillips, Thomas Pitts, Cole Saenz, Edward Smith, Jim Thomas, Jonah Wexler; freshmen Stephen Cates, Doug Curtis, Jack Fortenberry, Braxton Hart, Zachary Herman, George Howard, Jack Jabbour, Warren Johnston, Paul Jones, Reid McGowan, Everett Miller, Samy Paul, Henry Robinson, Stefan Smith

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**LOWER SCHOOL**

**Coach:** Spencer Reese ’94

**Record:** 7–4–0

**Roster:** Eighth graders Simeon Betapudi, Turner Bishop, Webb Daniel, Alex Li, West Loden, Jeb Losch, Matthew Mellone, Winston Merriman, Shuja Mirza, John Monaghan, Jace Ra, Forest Rudd, Coleman Whitehead, Garner Uhlhorn, Christopher Yarbro; seventh graders Jack Blackwell, Reid Chauhan, Thomas Coffey, Phoenix Hernandez, Eli Lewis, Hill Smith, Andrew Xu, Nolan Yaren
Will trapshooters finished the season with four varsity and five junior varsity shooters competing at the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program state competition June 22–23 in Nashville. Senior Jack Eason provided the highlight of the event, shooting a 98 – a personal best that secured him a tie for 16th place among the 400-plus shooters.

Practicing twice a week during second semester, the squad competed in six events throughout the season. At the regional competition June 2, senior Mac Robinson shot the program’s first perfect score of 100, tying for first place. The JV squad placed fourth at this event.

Spring Golf Rosters

LOWER SCHOOL

Coach: Jason Peters ’88
Record: 7-0

The Commercial Appeal Best of Prep Winners:

Hastings McEwan, Cross Country;
Rick Reinhard, Swimming;
Buchanan Dunavant, Lacrosse; and
Bobby Wade, Private School Scholar-Athlete of the Year

College Commitments

Friends and family congratulated our final batch of seniors who signed in mid-February to play college sports, from left, Bays Webb, playing football for University of Mississippi; Benton Ferebee, swimming for Brandeis University; John McBride, playing basketball for University of Mississippi; and Bobby Wade, playing lacrosse for Duke University.
ON THE COVER
Sixteen literature students traveled the haunts of the WWI Lost Generation, stopping at London's Westminster Abbey. See the story on page 16.